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BRITAIN TALKS OF DOMINION STATUS

But Raises Impediment Of India's Defence

Gandhiji To Leave Delhi: Will Put Result Of Interview Before Congress Cabinet

HIS Majesty's Government were ready to examine the field of India's Political Status in consultation with all parties and interests in India, when the time came. But the issue of defence must be settled before that.

"SWIFTEST STEPPING STONE"

The Federal Scheme of the India Act. 1935 was "the swiftest stepping stone" to Dominion Status.

OFFER STILL HOLDS

And His Majesty's Government were willing to expand the Viceroy's Executive Council on the lines indicated in the Viceregal announcement in November last year.

This was the gist of the offer made by the Viceroy to Mahatma Gandhi at the interview on Monday and which is issued in the form of a Communique.

MAHATMA'S REPLY

Mahatma Gandhi made it clear that he had no mandate from the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress, but the proposals "did not, in his view, meet the full demand of the Congress Party".

In the circumstances further discussions were deferred.

Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan in an interview deplored that the Congress was unable to see its way to end the deadlock.

MAHATMA MEETS VICEROY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

At three minutes to eleven this morning Mahatma Gandhi entered the Viceroy's House for his interview with His Excellency.

A small crowd assembled outside the main gate and as Mahatma Gandhi's car arrived they raised the gentle cry "Mahatma-Ki-Jai."

When the car slowed down, the crowd advanced towards it and some of the people said "God bless you."

Mahatma Gandhi acknowledged their greetings with folded hands and then drove in.

At half past twelve Mahatma Gandhi was still with the Viceroy. The interview had already lasted an hour and a half.

Mahatma Gandhi left Viceroy's House shortly after 1-30 p.m. and returned direct by car to Birla House where he arrived at 1-45 p.m.

MAHATMA TO PUT FACTS BEFORE CONGRESS CABINET

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

Political observers take a hopeful view of the talks between the Viceroy and Mahatma as announced in the official communique. Although there is no prospect of immediate settlement it seems Gandhiji would report the detailed conversations to the Congress Working Committee and meet the Viceroy again, armed with their view of the offer.

DEFENCE POLICY.

Importance is attached to the offer for reopening the Defence policy, which has been so far quite a closed chapter to Indians.

It is emphasised the Viceroy has not waited for meeting with Mr Jinnah to-morrow to divulge the outcome of talks with Gandhiji and thus shows that they realise the constitutional deadlock can be resolved by the Congress, which alone can deliver the goods.

AFTER DEADLOCK IS SOLVED

Regarding the offer of seats in the Executive Council since it is still contingent on Coalition Governments in Provinces, there is little chance of its materialising at any conceivable date.

Political circles also point out that unless and until the Congress and the Government arrive at a satisfactory settlement no useful purpose would be served by the Congress reopening negotiations with the Muslim League Once the constitutional issue is out of this way, it will be easy to settle the issues with the Muslim League.

It is expected Gandhiji would be back in Delhi before long and the thread of talks with the Viceroy would be taken up at no distant date.

BLACK CAT CROSSES PATH!

The sky was dull and overcast, and a keen cold wind sweeping across the plains caused the spectators who were waiting to see Mahatma visit the Viceroy to huddle into their heavy coats and turn up their collars.

Just before Gandhiji left Birla House a black cat appeared across the entrance to the drive, paused majestically as if to impress the observers with the fact that it represented an omen of good fortune, and then stalked off with the air of one on whom political reputations and destinies depend.

VICEROY'S OFFER AND MAHATMA'S REPLY

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

The following communique, which has been agreed between the Viceroy and Mahatma Gandhi has been issued:—

"In response to an invitation from His Excellency Mr. Gandhi to-day came to see the Viceroy. A prolonged and very friendly discussion took place in which the whole position was exhaustively examined.

"Mr. Gandhi made it clear at the outset of the conversation that he had no mandate from the Congress Working Committee, that he was not empowered to commit it in any way, and that he could speak on behalf of himself only.

"DOMINION STATUS" ISSUE

"His Excellency set out in some detail the intentions and the proposals of His Majesty's Government. He emphasised in the first place their earnest desire that India should attain Dominion Status at the earliest possible moment, and to facilitate the achievement of that Status by all means in their power. He drew attention to the complexity and difficulty of certain of the issues that called for disposal in that connection, in particular the issue of defence in a Dominion position. He made it clear that His Majesty's Government were only too ready to examine the whole of the field in consultation with representatives of all parties and interests in India, when the time came. He made clear also the anxiety of His Majesty's Government to shorten the transitional period and to bridge it as effectively as possible.

FEDERAL SCHEME

"His Excellency drew attention to the fact that, as he recently repeated at Baroda, the Federal Scheme of the Act, while at present in suspense, afforded the swiftest stepping stone to Dominion Status, and that its adoption, with the consent of all concerned would facilitate the solution of many of the problems

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Lord Linlithgow and Mahatmaji who met at 11 a.m. Yesterday.

Disturbances In Nazi Poland

Illegal Ration Cards Bring Death In East Prussia

ZURICH, Feb. 5.

Disturbances in southern part of the German occupied Poland are reported by the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" to-day.

This correspondent adds that similar disturbances which occurred among the Polish refugees in Vilna territory are ascribed in Germany to "secret Allied influence."

Is It Propaganda?

The newspaper "Voelkischer Beobachter" and other German newspapers give prominence to the incidents in Vilna with the object, it is believed in Berlin, of justifying the news of the series of oppressive measures in Poland. The severity of these measures is defended on the ground that Germany requires to ensure her security in the rear while she is at war with the Allies in the West. —Reuter.

DEATH FOR ILLEGAL RATION CARDS

Plight Of Germans In East Prussia

KAUNAS, Feb. 5.

A Koenigsberg dispatch says 32 Germans, including eight Municipal officials, were tried before a special court at Koenigsberg on charges involving illegal granting and receiving of ration cards.

One official was sentenced to death and 27 others sentenced to terms of hard labour varying from two months to fifteen years.

The remaining four were acquitted.—Reuter

LONDON.—The number of unemployed on the registers on January 15 showed an increase of over 157,000 compared with that on December 11 last. Over 130,000 of the increase is accounted for by certain industries being adversely affected by frost and snow.—

DUTCH MILITARY CHIEF RESIGNS

Sequel To Differences Of Opinion With Govt.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 5.

It is announced that Gen. I. H. Reynders has resigned his post as Supreme Commander of Dutch land and air forces. He is succeeded by Lt.-Gen. H. G. Winkelman, hitherto officer-in-command of the Utrecht-Soesterberg Air Defence Region, who has been promoted to the rank of General.

WHY HE RESIGNED.

It is learned that the resignation of Gen. Reynders—he has held the post since last August—is chiefly due to differences of opinion with the Government over military matters. Reuter understands that his resignation had little or nothing to do with the foreign political question and has no connection with the resignation announced recently of the Belgian Commander-in-Chief.—Reuter.

I. L. O. EXPELS RUSSIA

GENEVA, Feb. 5.

The General Body of the International Labour Office has decided to expel Soviet Russia from the organisation.—Reuter.

Japanese Bomb French-Owned Railway

PARIS AND WASHINGTON LODGE PROTEST

Attacks Would Not Cease Until Military Necessity Exists, Says Tokio

PARIS, February 5.

IT IS OFFICIALLY STATED THAT 101 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN A TRAIN, WHICH WAS HIT DURING A JAPANESE AIR BOMBARDMENT OF THE FRENCH-OWNED RAILWAY BETWEEN YUNNAN AND HAIPHONG IN FRENCH INDO-CHINA ON FRIDAY.

FIVE OF THE KILLED WERE OF FRENCH NATIONALITY, WHO INCLUDE TWO WOMEN AND A CHILD, AND SIXTEEN OTHERS WERE NATIVE RAILWAY EMPLOYEES. THE REMAINING EIGHTY WERE ASIATIC PASSENGERS.

IN ADDITION, 120 PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED.

French Protest

THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT TOKYO HAS LODGED A VIGOROUS PROTEST WITH THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES AND IS STILL AWAITING A SATISFACTORY REPLY.

The incident has evoked a protest from the French Government also as the railway is French-owned.

American Memorandum

The bombings, according to the American memorandum handed to the Japanese Foreign Office, have resulted in the interruption of United States' Commerce and it is added that the United States considered the railway as the main line of communications with Chungking where many Americans at present reside.

Japan's Reply

Replying the Japanese spokesman said the bombings had been carried out "for military necessity" and would not cease "unless and until military necessity ceased to exist."

Responsible French circles states a Paris message deny the Japanese broadcast report that the Indo-China authorities have concluded a secret agreement for supply of arms and munitions to China via French Indo-China.

Relief For Tientsin

TIENTSIN.—The acute food situation, which followed the drastic Japanese control at the Concession barriers was relieved to-day when three truckloads of foodstuffs were allowed to enter the British Concession.—Reuter.

BOMBING OF YUNAN RAILWAY

U. S. Govt.'s Protest To Japan

TOKIO, Feb. 5.

The United States Government is concerned by the Japanese bombing of the Yunan Railway.

The United States Embassy has handed over a memorandum to the Japanese Foreign Office which points out that this railway is now the main line of communication with Chungking and that the United States commerce is being seriously interrupted.—Reuter

LONDON WELCOMES RESULTS OF BALKAN CONFERENCE

LONDON, February 5.

As regards the Balkan Entente talks, Reuter learns that no full information has yet reached London but the stories, which appeared in the Press, seem to afford every reason for satisfaction at the result of the Conference. Friendly references by Yugoslav and Rumanian Ministers to their neighbouring States also gives cause for satisfaction in London.

The outcome of the talks may be regarded as making for security of conditions in south-east Europe.—Reuter.

Success Of Italian Diplomacy

ROME:—Political circles hail the result of the Balkan Entente Conference as a striking vindication of the arduous work put in by Italian Diplomacy, preparatory to the meeting. Italian efforts, it is said, were aimed at nothing else but Defence of Balkan neutrality and maintenance of peace in south-east Europe.—Reuter.

Sarajoglu To Meet Bulgarian Premier

PARIS, February 5.

When M. Sarajoglu passes through Sovia 'en route" to Ankara from Belgrade, he will have an interview with the Bulgarian Premier, the main object of which according to a message from Istanbul, is his hope of carrying a step further Turkey's policy of mediation between Bulgaria and other Balkan States.—Reuter.

Balkan Conference More Successful Than Hoped

BELGRADE, Feb. 5

Members of the Balkan Entente have reaffirmed their determination to maintain neutrality and keep their countries out of war.

The communique was read by M. Gafencu after which the representatives of the four countries made separate statements.

M. Gafencu said that the conference was held in an atmosphere of absolute calm and perfect understanding. "We have been able to confirm our desire to serve peace loyally and develop friendly relations with our neighbours." He added he wished to deny "all sensational rumours which got abroad concerning the conference."

HUNGARY DISAPPOINTED

BELGRADE, Feb. 5.

The first steps towards extending Balkan trade mentioned in the Communique of yesterday evening have already been taken and further progress is expected at a meeting of the Entente's Standing Economic Committee in the middle of the month.

Regarding the question of territorial revision, it is understood, the conference has decided that the moment is not opportune to raise this subject. The conference agreed that M. Sarajoglu on his

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, any objection to the erection of the said Cinema should be received by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, not later than the 19th day of February, 1940, that is to say within 14 days from the date of this notice.

Bombay 5th day of February, 1940.

KORA & BHATT,
Architects, & Engineers.

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P. W. D.

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The successful tenderer will be required to lodge a total sum of Rs. 6,000/- for work No. 1 and Rs. 5,000/- for work No. 2, as security deposit.

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N. V. S. MURTI,
Executive Engineer, Presidency.

(1914)

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NOTICE.

In continuation of this Office Notice, dated 20th January, 1940, regarding the sale of Old Boilers, etc. No fee shall be charged for the particulars and the copy of specifications will be issued free of charge.

Other conditions stated in the previous notice stand as they were.

(Sd.) C. R. DESAI,
Ag: Municipal Engineer.

Ahmedabad Municipality.
Municipal Office, Ahmedabad,
3rd February, 1940.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ABBA HUSSEIN JUSAB MOTIWALLA, of Bombay, by his lawfully Constituted Attorney Mr. Vallimahamad Abba Hussein Motiwalla, has agreed to sell to my client, free from all encumbrances, the piece of land, situate at Andheri, together with the structures standing thereon, and more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written.

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Dated the 4th day of February, 1940.

GAJANAN SADASHIV PATIL,
B.A., LL.B.,
Advocate, High Court.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

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Dated this 5th day of February, 1940.

THAKORDAS & MADGAVKAR,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys

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Legal Notices

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY NO. 30 OF 1940.

Re: Messrs. GULABCHAND BHERULAL, a firm, carrying on business as merchants and commission agents at Dady Seth Agiary Lane, Bombay: ..... Debtors.
Ex parte: Messrs. RAMDAYAL MUNDRA, a firm:
..... Petitioning Creditors.

On the 30th day of January, 1940, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtors Insolvents.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1940.

S. T. RANGNEKAR.
Insolvency Registrar.

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DEBATE ON CHARKHA AT MATUNGA

"The proposition that handspun and handwoven Khadi industry is economically a feasible and sound proposition, and that the economic welfare of the people of India requires the universalisation of Khadi to the exclusion of mill cloth, indigenous or foreign," was carried by an overwhelming majority at an interesting debate held at the South Indian Association, Matunga, on Saturday evening. Mr. S. R. S. Raghavan presided.

Mr. K. A. Subramanian moving the proposition, referred to the days when the handloom industry in this country was so flourishing that very fine cloth was exported from India to foreign countries.

He considered that there was no other industry except that of Khadi which could provide work for a nation of 40 crores where the unemployment was staggering.

Dr. Bucanan after seven years' observations (from 1813 to 1820) in India wrote that next to agriculture handspinning and handweaving was a great national industry.

The Charkha stood for nonviolence, freedom and fearlessness. Besides it could put at least 3 as. a day in the pockets of the poor agriculturists.

Mr. C. K. Narayanswamy opposing the proposition said that he agreed with the first part of the proposition, but not with the last part regarding universalisation of Khadi.

Many speakers participated in the debate and quoted chapter and verse either in favour or against Khadi.

IN INTEREST OF MASSES.

Mrs. Shankuntala Gurujali put in a strong defence for Khadi which she said was in the interest of the millions of poor and down trodden people in India.

Mr. Raghavan made a very brief speech in winding up and then put the proposition to vote.

Quite a large number of hands were raised for it, but only 12 against. The proposition was declared as carried by an overwhelming majority.

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REMEDY FOR RAIDS

Recruits Tribesmen For Indian Army

PESHAWAR,

"Peace in Waziristan can be restored if we set about improving the economic condition of those people," declares Mr. Abdul Qaiyum, M.L.A. (Central) in the course of a press statement.

Mr. Abdul Qaiyum suggests that a large number of Tribal people should be recruited to the Indian army. He says, "if twenty thousand tribesmen are serving in our army they will not only be a source of a strength to us but we will have no danger of raids or kidnappings from their relatives at home. Surely they are better fighters than even the Gurkhas. I hope the Government of India will revise their policy regarding the tribes and a peaceful time will soon come."—A.P.

SRI THYAGAYYA'S ANNIVERSARY

Celebration At Trivadi

TANJORE, Feb. 1.

The celebrations of Sri Thyagayya's festival at Trivadi, which commenced on Saturday last, came to a successful termination this morning. Messrs. Maharajapuram Visvanatha Aiyar, Chittoor Subramania Pillai, Madura Rajagopala Pillai, Mayavaram Rajam Aiyar and Venugopala Pillai, Kinnakkudi Venkatarama Aiyar and some of the students of the Music College, Annamalai University, took part yesterday, Sriman Annaswami Bagavathar of Trivadi performed a harikatha kalakshepam. Brahmasri Muthayya Bagavathar of Harikesanallur referred to the unity brought about among them and hoped that that co-operation would continue for ever.

CELEBRATIONS IN MADRAS.

The ninety-third anniversary of Sri Thyagaraja Swamigal was celebrated by the members of the Sri Thyagaraja Sangeeta Vidwat Samajam, Mylapore, at the Vannia Satram, South Mada Street, Mylapore, from the 26th to the 28th January. There were musical entertainments, both vocal and instrumental, daily in the evening between 4 to 9 p.m. in which many of the junior professionals were given chances, in addition to the performance of those familiar to Mylapore music lovers.

TRAINING OF ENGINEERING CRAFTSMEN

(From A Correspondent.)

Addressing the members of the Bombay Engineering Congress on "The Training of Naval Artificers" on Friday in the Conference Hall, Electric House, Lt. Coverdale-Smith said that due to the rapid progress made in recent years in the engineering world, more attention was being paid to the training of engineering craftsmen in these days than ever before. Diwan Bahadur V. G. Shete presided.

ADVANTAGES OF TRAINING.

Continuing, the lecturer stated that the naval system of training craftsmen or artificers was based on the principle that a trained man would use the tools and materials in an intelligent way. Accordingly, all artificer apprentices were given a very sound practical training, combined with sufficient academical and technical instruction, to enable them to apply their practical knowledge in an intelligent and appreciative manner.

Broadly dividing Naval Engineering into three main branches, Engine Room, Ordnance and Electrical, Lt. Coverdale-Smith outlined the various aspects that entered into the problem such as age requirement, physical examination of candidates, instructional methods used, workshop training given, marking system adopted, and said the successful application of these training methods called for a tremendous amount of supervision extending over a period of 4-1/2 years.

Concluding, the speaker observed that the training and education of artificer apprentices was designed not only to produce efficient craftsmen but to make them self-reliant.

Literacy Day In Lucknow

LUCKNOW, Feb. 4.

Literacy Day was celebrated in Lucknow with great eclat. In the morning local students took out Prabhat Pheries through the city shouting anti-illiteracy slogans.

A mammoth meeting was held in the evening at Aminudaula Park, which was attended by students and heads of educational institutions. Mr. C. B. Gupta, M.L.A., who presided, explained the significance of the Literacy Day. Mr. S. N. Chaturvedi, Educational Expansion Officer, made a general review of the literacy campaign.—United Press.

GHASTLY MURDER OF CHILD?

Suspect In Police Lock-up

(From Our Correspondent)

KIRKEE, Feb. 4.

A cold-blooded and dastardly crime was committed in Kirkee shortly after eight o'clock this **morning, which resulted in the death by drowning of a Mang lad of about four years.**

From the information gathered it appears that Dagroo Tookaram, a Mang, employed in the Kirkee Factory, approached his wife and requested her to permit him to take her little brother, Datoo Khandoo, for a walk to the Kirkee Bazar. Having obtained her permission it is alleged, he led the boy to the Dapuri Railway Bridge, and taking up the boy in his arms, it is alleged, he suddenly hurled him into the Mulla Mutha river. This revolting scene, it is stated, was witnessed by some pedestrians on the road, who promptly raised an alarm.

Dagroo Tookaram, realising he was detected in his alleged crime immediately took to his heels, but he was chased by some people and overtaken after some time.

In the meantime some people jumped into the river and brought the boy to shore.

While trying to take him to hospital, he died.

It is alleged that the boy was considered to be troublesome at home and therefore Dagroo Tookaram conceived the idea of getting rid of him.

Dagroo Tookaram is now in the Police lock-up, while the corpse of the child has been removed to the Sassoon Hospital, Poona, where an inquest will be held.

FAMINE IN RAJPUTANA STATES

Railway's Record Traffic

For the past two months the Metre Gauge system of the B.B. & C. I. Railway has been called upon to carry goods traffic of unprecedented volume.

With the failure of the monsoon last year, famine conditions prevail throughout Rajputana and Kathiawar. These areas are largely composed of Indian States territories and energetic steps have been taken by the various Governments to alleviate the distress.

Very large quantities of grain and fodder of all kinds have been ordered from neighbouring territories and are pouring into the affected districts.

Marshalling Yards with limited accommodation are dealing with more than one thousand wagons daily and still the traffic flows. It is expected that there will be very little relaxation until the monsoon sets in and the additional strain and heavy work imposed upon the staff is easy to realise when it is mentioned that some Yards are despatching as many as twenty goods trains a day.

DEPRESSED CLASSES' RALLY

Ambedkar Out For More Safeguards

The view that the safeguards provided under the Government of India Act and the Poona Pact had proved totally inadequate to protect the interests of the Depressed Classes and that these classes would soon have to direct their attention to formulate concrete proposals and conditions of an elaborate and comprehensive nature on which alone any future co-operation with the administration would be possible was expressed by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Leader of the Independent Labour Party, at a rally of over 40,000 men and women held at Mazagaon on Sunday night under the presidentship of Mr. S. C. Joshi.

The rally was the culmination point of the five-mile long procession which started from Dr. Ambedkar's residence to honour Mr. Surendranath Tipnis, Chairman of the Kolaba District Branch of the Independent Labour Party, who was released from Thana jail on Saturday morning after undergoing imprisonment for three months in connection with a speech which advocated abolition of the Khoti system.

Most of the district leaders of the Party and Party-members of the Assembly as also volunteer corps—about a thousand strong—participated in the procession which wended its way amidst slogans and cheers through crowded working class localities.

The opening ceremony of the Ayurvedic Exhibition at 'Jabakusum House' at 34, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta, will be performed on Saturday (10th instant) at 4 p.m. by Sir Nripendra Nath Sircar.

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On The Air

TUESDAY, FEB 6.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Vandan. 8-15 News in Mara. 8-20 News in Guja. 8-25 M. Sageer Asif. 8-40 News in Hin. 8-50 News in Eng. 9 A topical talk. 9-15 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 9-25 Purushottam. 9-40 Garba tune on Violin. 9-40 Master Ratnakant.

12-30 p.m. Krishna Premi. 12-45 Marathi duets. 12-57 News in Hin. 1 Instrumental melodies. 1-10 Mutual understanding. 1-25 What shall I cook to-day? 1-30 News in Eng. 1-35 Lunch hour programme and school broadcast. 2-30 Musical prelude. 2-35 World history: Talk. 2-50 Kannada songs. 3 Kannada life and literature: Talk.

5 p.m. You asked for it. 5-25 News in Mara. 5-30 News in Guja. 5-35 Selected by Kamalkant Pradhan. 6 News in Eng. 6-5 News in Hin. 6-10 A couple of Ghazals. 6-25 Readings from Guja. books. 6-35 Purushottam. 6-50 M. Sageer Asif. 7-5 Purba on the Strings. 7-15 Juthika Roy. 7-30 Shanker Bhayya of Poona. 7-40 M. Sageer Asif. 7-55 News in Mara. 8-10 News in Guja. 8-25 Characteristic flourishes. 8-45 Jalatarang solo. 8-55 Talk of the town. 9 News in Hin. 9-20 News in Eng. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 An introduction. 9-50 Chamber music. 10-30 News in Eng.

Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 a.m. to 8-15 As in Bom. 1. 8-15 Amanat Ali. 8-50 Laxmi Todi on Sarod. 9 to 9-25 As in Bom. 1. 9-25 Kumar Gandharv. 9-45 K. Khan. 9-55 A Karnataki Melody.

12-30 p.m. to 12-57 As in Bom. 1. 12-57 A Bhajan. 1 to 1-30 As in Bom. 1. 1-30 European music. 1-35 to 3-15 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 5-25 As in Bom. 1. 5-25 Dadras from discs. 5-35 to 6 As in Bom. 1. 6 Marathi Pad. 6-10 Juthika Roy. 6-30 Amanat Ali. 7 Where the two meet: Talk in Mara. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Bom. 1 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Purushottam. 8-5 Shanker Bhayya. 8-20 Guess the artist. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 Old Curiosity Shop: Talk. 8-45 Amanat Ali. 9 Chaitan-ki-Puja. 9-10 Kumar Gandharv. 9-30 IXth Indian Olympic Games. 9-40 Sangit Subhadra. 10-16 Juthika Roy. 10-30 News in Eng.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Sarangs on the Strings. 5-15 Ram Vandana. 5-30 Mohammad Shafi. 5-40 Paul Whiteman and his Swinging Strings. 6-15 Bashir Ahmed. 6-30 For Villagers only. 7-30 On the Bookshelf: Review in Hin. of Urdu books. 7-45 Pratap Singh and party. 8 Episodes from the Epics. 8-15 Current Events. 8-30 Shamshadbai. 8-50 A Violin recital. 10 Burha Falsafi: Play in Hin. 10-25 Sohani on Surbahar. 10-35 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 6-15 As in Delhi 1. 6-15 M. M. Ghosh. 6-30 Shamshadbai. 6-50 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 7 Mohammad Shafi. 7-15 Pratap Singh and party. 7-30 to 7-45 As in Delhi 1. 7-45 Bashir Ahmed. 8 to 10-30 As in Delhi one.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For countryside. 7 Khursheedbai Hujruwali. 7-20 Kafi by Niaz Husain. 7-30 From the Poet's Tongue. 7-45 Khadim Husain. 8 Popular film hits. 8-15 The Royal Pageant, 3: Papal Court of Rome: Talk. 8-30 Women's programme. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-50 Maru Behag on Sarangi. 10 Niaz Husain: Geet. 10-5 Khadim Husain. 10-15 Khursheedbai Hujruwali.

Dacca Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. Sailesh Roy. 5-15 Gul Mohammad Khan. 5-50 Sushama Guha: Esraj. 6-5 Gnayer Pathey: For rural listeners. 7 The Dilemma: Play. 7-45 Bimalendu Sen. 8 Binapani Mukerjee. 8-30 Jhankar. 9-5 Gul Mohammad Khan. 9-45 Bimalendu Sen. 10 Binapani Mukerjee.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For children. 5-50 For children. 6-10 Abdur Razak Khan. 6-30 Leelabai. 6-50 Mohini Mohon Misra. 7-10 Leelabai. 7-20 Tabla duet. 7-30 Sing, learn and sing again. 8 Just a Surprise! 8-15 Pankaj Kumar Ganguli. 8-30 Dilip Kumar Roy III. 9 Pronunciation please: Talk. 9-45 Bhowani Das. 10-5 Gocul Nag.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 9-30 As in Cal. 1. 9-30 Richard Tauber: Tenor. 9-45 This Changing World. 10-15 Jack Buchanan.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. Anis Khatoon of Cawnpore. 6-25 Topic of the day. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Ek tha Raja: For children only. 7-30 Youth's view-point. 3: Talk in Hin. 7-45 Mannabai of Allahabad. 8 Duets. 8-20 Qadir Bukhsh. 8-30 Conflicts of civilisation, 2: Talk. 8-45 Mannabai. 9-45 Records. 9-50 Munney Khan. 9-57 Mannabai. 10-13 Anis Khatoon.

Madras I—Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. Children's educational broadcasts. 4-3 Things of interest (Telugu). 4-6 Mother Earth: Talk in Telugu. 4-16 Short story in Telugu. 4-20 Light songs in Telugu. 4-30 Edith Lorand and her Viennese Orchestra. 5 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 Balaraman: Clarionet. 5-5 Shrimati Gangabai: Voice. 6-45 Oriental Koothu: Fleylet in Tamil. 6-55 Interlude. 7 To-day's headline (Tamil). 7-5 Tough jobs, 2: Talk in Telugu. 7-5. Special programme in honour of Purandara Das. 9 To-day's headline (Eng). 9-5 Book review.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 p.m. to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-10 Under the Banian tree. 6-25 Songs from Kabir. 6-40 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Balaraman: Clarionet.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 E. S. Sankara Narayana Iyer. 5-45 Tunes from the Talkies. 6-5 For Villages. 6-30 P. Rama Sarma: Veena. 7 Cards on the table: Topical discussion relayed from B B C. 7-15 Learn to sing. 7-50 Kabirdas: Musical discourse. 9-45 P. Rama Sarma: Veena.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. A. S. Khan—music. 6 Humorous talk by H. Awara. 6-15 Mummi Bai—music. 6-50 A. S. Khan—music. 7 to 7-30 For children in Urdu. 7-30 Mummi Bai—music. 7-50 A. S. Khan—music. 9-10 A. S. Khan—music. 9-30 Mummi Bai—music.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET AWAITS SENATE ACTION ON AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATIONS

Farm Bloc To Make Strong Attempt To Restore Funds

Bombay: Feb. 5.

On Saturday the New York cotton market showed a general disposition to await the Senate action on agricultural appropriations whereby the Farm Bloc is expected to make a strong attempt to restore the funds eliminated by the House of Representatives.

It appears that there is much discussion about parity payments and the cut proposed is not likely to be carried. Farmers are aware of their interest and they will put sufficient pressure on the Government to make arrangements to meet necessary parity payments. This in turn is likely to increase taxation, but interests of all sections need necessary protection and it will be impossible to allow one section to prosper at the cost of the other.

WEEKLY REVIEW

The cotton market has ruled irregular in response to erratic fluctuations in Liverpool and Bombay with trading limited.

Bombay interests unsettled by the threatened excess profits tax continued to liquidate their straddle holdings here.

Buyers were cautious owing to growing opposition to Farm parity payments.

The discontinuance of the export subsidy for raw cotton comberwaste and cardstrips did not affect the market.

The Cotton Exchange Service estimates the world consumption of American cotton at 13,500,000 bales implying that the decline in the carryover is more than 1,500,000 bls.

Congressional agitation for loan at 11.90 cents for 1940 crop instead of 8.30 for the last two years has tended to restrict selling of new crops.

According to official record rainfall in ten principal cotton states for the fourth quarter was 59.61 against the normal of 101.78 inches. Cotton goods business is small, in the meantime, pending fresh incentives the outlook is regarded as uncertain; at the same time many advocate purchases on moderate setbacks.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton futures market opened quiet. After early steadiness on trade and foreign buying and the strength of Bombay, prices sagged on New Orleans and local selling which met renewed trade and spot house demand. Speculative interest was dormant.

At the opening March was quoted one point up at 10.80 which was the highest level. Later on there was increased selling and prices declined to 10.71, but again improved and the market closed at a net decline of 1 to 5 points. Spot cotton prices closed 5 pts. down at 10-81c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet with scattered selling and closed unchanged to 5 pts. down. Spot cotton prices declined 5 pts. at 10.35c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton market was entirely closed on Saturday and is expected to open to-day at a decline of 2 points.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET

The Alexandria cotton market was fairly steady and Sakels improved 5 to 9 points, while Ashmouni contracts gained 14 to 17 points.

EXPORT TAX IN EGYPT

It is announced that a cotton export tax of 200 Milliems per 100 kilos is being imposed from August 15. The Ministry of Finance declares that in the event of the United States Government subsidising exports of American cotton, the Ministry will reconsider the tax with a view to re-establishing an equilibrium between the prices of Egyptian and American cotton and with a view to finding other sources of revenue.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March (10 a.m.)—
Highest ..... 10.80+01
New York March (11-44 a.m.)—
Lowest ..... 10.71—08

Messrs Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

NEW YORK.—Would buy Decembers. All information political and otherwise indicates bullish developments.

NEW YORK COTTON

(New Contracts)

	New York: Feb. 3.
March	10.97—03
May	10.56—01
July	10.23—05
October	9 47
December	9.40+01

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay: Feb. 5.

The local Bullion Market is again under the influence of rumours of duty. This state is keeping forward position at a discount. The market opened steady at Rs. 56/14 and advanced to Rs. 57/1, but later on there were rumours of removing duty and prices declined to Rs. 56/10. Gold was fairly steady with a moderate business passing. It may be mentioned that any undue decline in Silver will attract official support. Pagan silver is quoted 6 annas above Maha, but business is restricted.

Quotations were as under:—

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs. 42 4 9	57 6 0
Maha	Rs. 42 7 0	56 10 0

COTTON PARITY

DIFFERENCE BROACH—
A/M below Liverpool May 156 penny pts.
J/A below Liverpool July 125 penny pts.
A/M above New York May 19 cent pts.
J/A above New York July 81 cent points.

HOLIDAY IN ALEXANDRIA

The Alexandria Cotton Market will remain closed on the 9th inst.

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York: Feb. 3.

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dollars
Amr Pow and Lt 5 p.c Pfd	46
Electric Bond and Share Com	7
Int Tel and Tel 1952	39 1/2
Electric Pow and Lt 7 p.c. Pfd	30 1/2
Amr Water Works 6 p.c. Pfd	98 1/2
Amr Tel and Tel	171 1/2
Sun Life of Canada	300
Western Union Telg	23
New York Central R R	16
Amrex Corporation	15 1/2
Union Carbon and Carbide	78 5/8
Loews Inc 6 p.c. Pfd	108
Gillette Safety Razor 5 p.c. Pfd	49 1/2
Firestone Rubber 6 p.c. Pfd	105 1/2
Int Hydro-Elec 1944 6 p.c. Deb	73 1/4
National Dairy 7 p.c. Cum Pfd	113
Schenley Distillers 5 1/2 p.c. Pfd	76
N Y Chicago and St Louis 6 p.c. Pfd A	31 3/8
United States Steel	56 3/4
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	21 3/8
Republic Steel	20 1/4
Crucible Steel	35
Int Nickel of Canada	35 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining	26 3/4
General Motors	52 3/4
Packard Motors	3 1/4
General Electric	38 3/8
Brooklyn Manhattan Transit	16 1/8
Socony	11 5/8
Woolworth	40 3/4
Consolidated Oil	7 1/8
Texas Corporation	43
National Biscuits	24
Lockhead	31 1/4
Chase National Bank	34 1/2
National City Bank of N Y	29

Turnover 290,000 shares. Steady market. Estimated Lockheed earning very favourable. Looks gradually higher.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15 (Mon.)	21-15 (Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 8-40

PROFIT TAX UNNERVES OPERATORS IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 2.

Messrs. Bhagwanlal Nanavati and Co., have issued the following reports:

The local Stock Exchange market opened very weak owing to the news that the Government proposed to levy an excess profit tax. This bombshell unnerved the operators and due to frantic selling the share market opened substantially lower than the previous close. A sort of panicky condition prevailed over the markets in all chief centres. Indian Iron and Steel had a sharp fall during the earlier part of the period under review the rate sagging to Rs. 32/12 from Rs. 40/- but subsequently recovered to 36/12 the close being 35/10. Opinions differ widely and vehemently as to the probable effects of this excess profits tax. Prima facie this impost is a crushing burden on Jute and Cotton mills, but second thoughts reveal that perhaps it is not quite so terrifying an impost as the first look led the market to believe. Certain reliefs are provided. The standard year is the crux of the whole matter. Reports show that in this respect Tatas and Indian Iron are favourably placed. Coal Companies and Cotton mills are rather dubiously placed. In any case the worst seems to be over and any news from the Select Committee about the modifications of the original text in favour of companies will result in improvement of the market tone. For the time being an optimistic view would clearly be dangerous.

JUTE.

It is difficult to judge the trend of events. For the time being the tendency is not quite healthy and prices all round have marked down. Towards the close there was a slightly better feeling and prices hardened. Howrah quoting as low as 58/- improved to Rs. 55/- Kamarhatty quoting 505/- were good at 515/-, Kanknarrah hovered round 415/-, Anglo-India 385/-, Bally and Baranagore were respectively priced at 237/- and 133/-. In Bird group, Auckland receding to 208/- closed steady at 215/-, Lansdowne were done at 172/- a deal in Kinnision was reported at 635/- Union 448/-. In Yule group Budge Budge were good at 352/-, Albion at 250/-. India were a steady feature at 345/-. Among shares of small denominations Clive were good at 26/8, National at 24/-, Adamji receding to 24/- improved to 25/- Agarpara were priced at 26/-, Megna 38/- Nuddea 63/8, Presidency 5/4, Reliance were done at 58/-.

COTTON.

As indicated above, the market was a declining one. Kesoram were good at 5/8, Cawnpore Textiles done at 5/10, Dunbar Cotton were done at 182/-.

COAL.

This section exhibited a nervous feeling and prices all round have to be marked down. Bengal Coal were marked at 370/-, Equitable at 37/12, Dhemo Main done at 16/4, Raneegunj at 28/10 Burrakur 14/- Mundulpore 9/12, Amalgamated were taken at 29/- Bhalgora 5/8, North Damuda 6/- Talcher 1/13, Borrea 13/12.

MISCELLANEOUS.

An all round decline in prices was noticeable. Indian Iron fell back sharply to 32/12 from 39/8 but subsequently improved and closed at 35/10. Steel Corporation of Bengal receding to Rs. 18/- improved to Rs. 20/4 closing round 19/9. Burn and Co., ord. were done at 332/-, Indian Steel and Wire Products ord. found sellers at 52/- and deferreds at 41/-. In Mining section Burmahs were steady at 6/11, Indian Copper at 2/5 Consolidated Tin at 4/11 Ex Div. Rhodesia Copper at 1/4. B. I. C. ord. receding to 3/14 hardened to 4/3. B. B. Petroleum were done at 5/- Tide Water Oil changed hands at 13/6. In Paper Mills Titaghur hovered round 29/- India Paper Pulp 130/-, Bengal Paper 112/-. Midnapore Zemindary were done at 73/-. In Sugar section Carew were done at 11/6, Samastipur 8/6. Reserve Bank done at 102/- Ex. Div.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE TO REMAIN CLOSED

The Exchange will remain closed on Tuesday, February 6, 1940, as a mark of protest against the proposed "Excess Profits Tax."

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria: Feb. 3.

SAKELS.	ASHMOUNI.	GIZA.
Mar. 19.85+5	Feb. 17.52+17	Mar. 18.42+5
May. 19.79+9	Apr. 17.73+14	May. 18.81+7

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 5.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/58 Loan 94
3 per cent 1963/66 Loan 88-15
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 94-10
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Note 91-2
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 100-12
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 105-12
4 per cent 1948 Bonds 104-6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 110-8
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 101-4

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-11
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CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 102-4
4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 101-8
5 per cent M Deb. 1959 113
6 per cent M Deb 1954 120
6 per cent KPT 1956 120

Tone:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 5.

B. C. RATES:—
T T D 1/5 15/16 to 5th May
LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 5th May
Bank's selling T T D D .....
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 334
Bank's buying T T 330
Bank's buying D D 328 1/
PARIS:—
Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1330
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 79 1/2
Bank's buying T T 78 1/2
Bank's buying 60 days 77 1/2
AMSTERDAM:—
Bank's selling D D 55 1/8
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 54 5/8
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 83 7/8
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 27 1/4
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
CROSS RATE:—
Hongkong/London 1/2 15/16 5th inst.
Shanghai/London 0/4 11/16 5th inst.
Java/London 7.47/55 5th inst.
New York/London 3.98 3/8 3rd inst.
London/New York 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 3rd inst.
London/Paris 76 1/2 to 176 3/4 3rd inst.
London/Italy 78.25 3rd inst.
London/Belgium 23.65/80 3rd inst.
London/Switzerland 17.85/95 3rd inst.
London/Stockholm 16.85/95 3rd inst.
London/Amsterdam 7.53/58 3rd inst.
London/Japan 1/2 7/32 3rd inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8/8/8 2nd inst.
Gold £8/8/0 3rd inst.
Silver London Ready 21 13/16 2nd inst.
Silver London Ready 21 3/4 3rd inst.
Silver London Forward 21 3/4 2nd inst.
Silver London Forward 21 11/16 3rd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 2nd inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 3rd inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/8 per cent 2nd inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/8 per cent 3rd inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 2nd inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 3rd inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 2 per cent.
6 months 2 1/4 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: Feb. 5.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3 1/2 per cent Paper 91; 4 per cent 1960/70 105/10; 5 per cent 1945/55 110/9.

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 101; Bank of Hindustan 22/12; Bank of India 138/8; Central Bank 34; Imperial Bank F P 1482/8; Imperial Bank P P 361/14; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8 Reserve Bank 104/4; Union Bank 5/11/6.

TEXTILES

Ahmd. New Textiles 470; Ambica 270; Arun 222/8; Arvind 1350; Asok 220; Bharatkhand Textiles 2300; Bombay Dyeing 950; Buckingham and Carnatics 199; Calico 740; Central India 310; Century 323/2; Colaba 160; Elgin 155/10; Gokak 183/12; Hukumchand 166/10; Indore Malwa 38/32; Jubilee 270; Khatau Makanji 115; Kohinoor 358/12; Laxmi Cotton 535; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 105; Morarji 185; Mysore 102/8; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 353/12; Raipur 710; Rajnagar 157/8; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 111/4; Swadeshi 280/10; Vishnu 1395.

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord 1485; Tata Hydro Ord 155; Tata Power Ord 1332/8.

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 146/14; Ajmer Electrics 10/10; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 129/6; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 170.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 482/8; Associated Cements 124; Belapur 228/12; Bombay Burma New 200; Bombay Burma Old 631/4; Bombay Steam 300, Bombay Telephone 85; Br. B Petrol 4/15; Burma Corporation 6/10; Dalmia Cement 9/8; Indian Bleaching 113/2; Industrial Investment Tr. 46; Indian Radio Ord. 452/8; Indian Radio Defd. 475; Indian Copper 2/6; Indian Iron 35; Mysore Sugar 43/8; Port Canning 73; Premier Construction 80; Rohtas Industries 21; Scindia Steam 21/10; Shivrajpur 45/8; Steel Corporation of Bengal 19/8; Tata Oil 50; Tata Steel Ordy 377; Tata Steel Defd. 2010.

JUTES

Birla Jute 21/12; Howrah 54/12; Hukumchand 7/8; Kamarhatty 515; Kankanarrah 415; Lawrence 420; Reliance 58/8.

DELIVERY OF SHARES

Following delivery slips have been issued to-day:—

Tata Ordinaries 80; Tata Deferreds 15; Indian Irons 500; Bombay Dyeings 8; Central Indias 12; Kohinoors 5.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: Feb. 5.

		Highest.	Lowest.	Closing at 5-30 p.m.
Broach	A/M	279	271	277 3/4
Broach	J/A	286	278 1/2	284 1/2
Oomra	March	249	242	247 1/4
Oomra	May	252	245 1/2	250 3/4
Bengal	March	207	200	204 1/2
Bengal	May	209 1/2	203 1/2	207 1/2

NIGHT SESSION: Broach—

	Opening	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
A/M ...	Rs. 276	278 1/2	274 1/2	275 1/2
J/A			Rs. 282	1/4

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Fine White Java Sugar (per cwt):—
Ready (small grain) Rs. 18/2
Ready (large grain) Rs. 18/4
Shipment December Rs. 9 F.B.H.
Shipment January Rs. 9-/2 F.B.H.
Shipment February Rs. 9/4 F.B.H.
Shipment March Rs. 9/8 F.B.H.
Indian Sugars Ready:—
Ready (ordinary) Rs. 17/8 to 17/11
Ready (large grain) Rs. 17/13 to 18/8.
Tone:—Steady.

Professional Realising In Share Bazar

ABSENCE OF SUPPORT RESULTS IN DECLINE

Some Covering Towards Close

Bombay: Feb. 5.

After a sharp rise on Saturday, the local Share Bazar reversed tendency to-day with general realising as anticipated. We doubted the ability of the markets to find further support as operators are getting divided into two groups. The market closed easy.

One section, namely local professionals are against the rise as they believe that as a result of the Excess Profits Tax coming dividends will be smaller than general expectations, while bulls believe that during the course of war, our industries will have a great future and while there may not be any material rise in prices, there is nothing in the general situation to result in a lasting decline.

The local Share Bazar will remain closed to-morrow as a protest against the proposed Excess Profits Tax. There is a strong opposition against this tax and we have to await the final decision of the Government. The whole country has voiced the tax as premature and uncalled for. Thus the Government has to face mass opposition and no popular government will press for 50 per cent against the wish of the country. However it will be advisable to await the final decision.

Recently there had been considerable short covering and replacement buying and prices recovered nearly 40 per cent of the drop, but it is impossible to attract outside support after the recent experience which caused forced selling. A period of steady markets will do much to restore confidence than sharp upswings.

With those bearishly inclined mostly retired to the side lines at least for the time being, the Wall-Street market quietly tilted fractionally higher on Saturday with aircrafts and specialities very prominent, but Steels were sluggish on forecast of a further drop in mill activity this week, However, the market was slow and narrow closing steady with fears of a further industrial recession as well as the confused status of political and European situations, the chief stumbling blocks. U. S. Steel shares declined 1/8 at 56 3/4. Anaconda Coppers also declined 1/8 at 26 3/4 and General Motors improved 1/4 at 52 3/4 dollars.

With steady tone in the cotton market, the Share Bazar opened steady but there being no follow-up on the buying, prices assumed sagging tendency with some selling by professionals. Later on there were rumours of some damage to furnace at Jamshedpur, which influenced general selling and prices quickly gave way and all enthusiasm disappeared. The market is once again experiencing rapid ups and downs on mere sentimental reasons without any truth in rumours. However, the fact remains the market position is rendered favourable after elimination of weak interest and present quotations are reasonable. Day to day movements cannot help much in judging the situation, but the main is up and after the secondary reaction, the market will be willing to respond to constructive news.

Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 2060 and advanced to Rs. 2070. At this level there was general selling and prices declined to Rs. 1987. Towards the close there was some covering and prices rallied to Rs. 2025. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 287 and after declining to Rs. 275 improved to Rs. 378. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 975 and closed at Rs. 951 after touching Rs. 940. Century shares were placed at Rs. 323 and Central Indias at Rs. 312. Associated Cements after opening at Rs. 126/8 closed at Rs. 124/4.

Bombay Burmas opened at Rs. 640 and after declining to Rs. 617 improved to Rs. 632.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay: Feb. 5.

Bombay Dyeing (970) 975 952 945 947 940 951
Century (330) 333 325 320 318 323
Central India (315) 322 324 310 311 308 312
Kohinoor (371) 373 363 356 360 355 360
New Great (372) 380 390 360 365
Simplex (113) 115 117 111 109/8 111 110 111/8
Swadeshi (288) 293 284 286 277
Associated Cement (125/12) 126/8 125 123/8 124/4
Andhra (1470) 1487/8
Tram Ord (129/12) 129/12
Tata Hydro (156) 155
Tata Power (1342/6) 1345 1340 1332 1335
Tata Steel Defd (2047/8) 2060 2070 2040 2027 2030 2017 2025 2000 2010 1987 2017 2010 2015
Tata Steel Ord (384/8) 387 384 385 379 381 375 379 378
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (136/8) 136
Bellapur (228) 231 232 226 229/8
Bombay Steam (288) 290 301
Bombay Burma (632/8) 640 620 617 621 618 632

HAPUR MARKET REVIEW

HAPUR, Feb. 2.

Oversea wheat markets during the week under review remained quiet to easy. This was due to improved weather and crop reports from North America, highly bearish crop estimated of Australia and the bearish world statistical position of wheat revealed in the latest compilations received lately. Chicago has closed at May 96 1/8 and July 93 3/8 against 98 1/2 and 96 1/8 respectively last week. Winnipeg has closed at May 84 against 85 7/8 c last week.

On the Continent markets were quiet awaiting political developments. Ready demand was moderate. In London the current quotations were Northern Manitoba No. 1 29/9, No. 2 28/9 American Hard winter 27/7 1/2, Rosario Santa Fe 26/- S. Australian 26.

In our own country markets were held steadily and prices on the balance have closed appreciably higher. That there was an advance despite discouraging oversea cables and favourable rains all over N. India denotes that the major importance was attributed to a recovery in the ready demand particularly in the upcountry centres. Calcutta was an active buyer in the Punjab as also in Hapur and other U. P. centres. Australian prices are already much above import parity so that an opportunity has arisen for an expansion of the inter-provincial trading. Strength in the cotton and jute section towards the close also gave some incentive.

Locally wheat closed at 3/0/3 for Maha and 3/4/6 for Jeth last Friday. Since then there was a steady rise till highest on Thursday touched 3/8/2 1/2 highest for the week. At the higher levels there was some reaction on good rains locally, a slight depressed demand and speculative liquidation. But none of these could influence the market materially Jeth is presently quoted at 3/7.

Exports during the week were very active and about 50 khattis were exported. The present stock is put at 416 khattis. Other food grains have reacted much in sympathy with wheat.

PROFITS TAX

The Hapur Chamber of Commerce have sent the following telegram to the Finance Member Government of India."

"Proposed Excess Profits Tax will be strongly resented by Commercial community as detrimental to trade recovery and progress other taxes being already sufficiently heavy."

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 5.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	350	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	951	4
100	CENTURY	323	8
100	CENTRAL INDIA	311	0
100	COLABA	161	0
100	Coorla	120	0
250	David	40	0
250	Dawn	390	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0-7-3	
100	FINLAY	156	0
100	GOKAK	184	8
1000	Hindustan	2000	0
100	Indore	39	0
100	Khatau	115	0
100	KOHINOOR	360	0
250	Laxmi	525	0
250	Madras United	25	0
100	MORARJI	189	0
250	Model	77	8
50	MYSORE	106	0
200	NEW GREAT	365	0
100	Osmanshahi	55	0
100	Phoenix	300	0
25	SASSOON SILK	86	0
1000	Sholapur	4225	0
50

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON EIGHT POINTS UP

Speculative Buying In Broach Following Higher Foreign Advices

LONDON STOCKS IRREGULAR

BOMBAY, February 5

The New York cotton was moderately active following the steadiness of Bombay and Liverpool cables. The improved tendency of other commodities markets contributed to the prevailing strength.

In the local cotton market Broach reacted to Rs. 268 but better New York and Liverpool advices imported some strength. With renewed speculative purchases and buying support from a prominent operator the rate advanced to Rs. 271-4.

The tone on London Stock Exchange was irregular with Giltedged securities remaining quietly steady. The Sterling Loan ruled unchanged.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940

	New York, Feb 5
Previous closing	10.76
To-days opening	10.80
Difference	+04
To-days closing	10.84
Difference	+08

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

	Liverpool, Feb 5
Previous closing	7.88
To-days opening	7.92
Difference	+04
To-day's closing	7.99
Difference	+11

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May ..... Rs.
Broach July/August ..... Rs.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb 5

The trading in March began at 10.80 i.e. four points higher than the last closing.

Prices advanced on higher Liverpool cables and trade buying while later New Orleans buying and trade calling carried prices further up with March standing at 10.83.

BOMBAY COTTON
Late Trading

Bombay, Feb 5

Broach A/M opened to-night at Rs. 271. The rate eased off to Rs. 268 but again improved and closed at Rs. 271-4.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb 5

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange :—

March (10.80/80) 10.80/80
May (10.44/44) 10.46/45
July (10.12/12) 10.12/11

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool, Feb 5

American March (7.98) 7.98
American May (7.97) 7.98
Giza March (10.41) 10.41
Giza May (10.56) 10.56

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, Feb 5

SEEDS

Cactorseeds February March (£22 quoted) £22 quoted
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta February/March (£19 3/4 quoted) £19 3/4 quoted
Linseed La Plata February (£15 7/16 quoted) £15 3/8 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£15 quoted) £15 quoted

JUTES

Dundee February (£49) £49
Lightning February (£46) £46

RUBBER

Spot (11 3/4 paid and buyers) 11 13/16d. buyers
Forward April/June (11 11/16d paid and sellers) 11 5/8d paid and sellers

METALS

Tin (£235 buyers; £236 1/2 sellers. Quiet) £236 1/2 buyers; £236 3/4 sellers. Steady
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Feb 5

Previous closing	3.98 3/8
To-day's opening	3.98 3/8

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Feb 5

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T T LONDON ON PARIS

London, Feb 5

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London, Feb 5

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day :—

Very small business. Market quietly steady.

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb 5

Spot (21 13/16d) 21 3/4d—1/16
Forward (21 3/4d) 21 5/8d—1/8

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb 5

Golds Bars fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb 5

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate
Franc was officially fixed at 175.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.23) 30.23
London on Milan (78.25) 78.50
London on Shanghai (0-4 1/4 to 0-4 11/16) 0-4 1/4 to 0-4 11/16
London on Kobe (1-2 1/8 to 1-2 7/32) 1-2 1/8 to 1-2 7/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay, Feb 5

Wheat May	4 5 3
Linseed May	7 9 9

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Night Quotations.

Bombay, Feb 5

Silver Ready	57 0 0
Silver Maha	56 4 0
Silver Fagan	56 11 0
Gold ready	42 5 0
Gold Maha	42 6 6
Gold Fagan	42 7 6
Sovereigns	27 2 0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New Delhi, Feb 5

The following are the opening quotations :—

General Motors (dol 52 5/8) dol 52 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 27 1/2) dol 26 5/8
U S Steel Common (dol 56 7/8) dol 56 1/2
U S Steel Pref (unquoted) dol 115 3/4

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

London, Feb 5

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £91

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London, Feb 5

3 per cent Indian Stock (£95 3/4) £95 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£91) £91
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£110 1/2) £110 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£111 1/4) £111 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£105 3/4) £105 3/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107) £107
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£101) £101

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£106 1/2) £106 1/2

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£73 7/8) £73 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99 7/8) £99 3/4
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101) £101
4 per cent Funding Loan (£111 1/2) £111 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£98 3/4) £98 5/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 5/8) £110 3/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 11-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (51-10 1/2) 51-10 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3) dol 3
Electric Music Industry (8-3) 8-3
Princhin Johnson (17-10 1/2) 19-7 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30-7 1/2) 30-6
Woolsworth New Ordinary (60-9) 61-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£35 1/2) £35 1/4
Dunlop Rubber (29-3) 30-0
Unilever Ordinary (29-0) 29-0
Ford Motors (15-9) 15-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£60 1/4) £60
British American Tobacco Ordinary (101-10 1/2) 101-3
Carreas 'A' (£5 7/8) £6
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (120-0) 120
P and O Def (19-6) 19-6
Distillers (67-9) 68-3
Bredfords Dye (6-6) 6-6
British Celanese (6-9) 6-9
J and P Coates Ordinary (33-10 1/2) 34-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (35-0) 35-9
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-0) 6-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary (18-4 1/2) 18-4 1/2
Inter Nickel (dol 46 1/4) dol 46 1/4
Indian Iron (52-6) 53-6

TEA SHARES

Assam (16-10 1/2) 16-10 1/2
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (22-9) 22-6

JUTES

Barnagore (£11 1/4) £11 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (24-3) 24-3
Gula Kelampong (21-3) 21-3
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (33-1 1/2) 33-1 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (35-7 1/2) 35-7 1/2
Burma Corporation (9-9) 9-9
Rio Tintos (£15) £15
East Rand Properties (47-6) 48-1 1/2
Rand Mines (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£13 7/8) £13 5/8
Associated Portland Cement (49-4 1/2) 50
Trinidad Lensehold (70-0) 71-3
Sub Nigel (£9 3/4) £9 5/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-0) 25-0
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-9) 23-1 1/2
Anglo Iranian (55-0) 55-0
Burma Oil (68-1 1/2) 67-6
Mexican Eagle (5-9) 5-9
Shell Transport (78-1 1/2) 76-10 1/2
Royal Dutch (£33 1/4) £32 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£42 1/4) £41 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£15 5/8) £16 1/8
London North Eastern Def. (£2 3/8) £2 3/8
London Southern Def (£14 3/8) £14 3/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£118) £118
London Transport "C" (£65) £65

EXPORT LICENSE

The Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay, has issued the following Press Note :—

New forms (WSB 9-A), which have been prepared by the Department of Supply for applications for the issue of Export Licences are available at the office of the Indian Merchants' Chamber. Those who need them should apply to the Secretary of the Chamber, during office hours.

GROUNDNUTS COROMANDEL SHELLED

London : Feb. 3.

February	£15
March	£15

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago : Feb. 3.

May	dol 96 3/4
July	dol 94
September	dol 93 1/8

Rain And Snow In N.W.F.P. And Punjab

POONA : Feb. 5.

Local rain occurred in Baluchistan and Sind and scattered showers in East Rajputana. A few falls of rain or snow have also occurred in North-West Frontier Province, the East and North Punjab and Assam.

Principal amounts of rain are :—Dibrugarh 1/4"; Sibsagar 1/4"; Sandheads 1/4"; Karachi 1/2"; Chaman 1/4"; Quetta 1/4"; Ormora 1/4"; Murree 1/4".

Forecast until the evening of 6th inst.—Rain or snowfall will be fairly widespread in Kashmir, the East and North Punjab and the West United Provinces, and local along the North-West Frontier. Local rain will also occur in East Rajputana and the South-West Punjab, and scattered showers in the East United Provinces, West Rajputana, Sind and Central India. Isolated showers may occur in South-east Madras.

Local Forecast :—Fair weather.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 5/2/1940 :—

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hrs. +.044 inches.
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 72.2 deg.
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 68.7 deg.
Maximum temperature during 24 hrs. 81.2 deg. (1.0 below normal)
Minimum temperature during 24 hrs. 68.3 deg. (2.0 above normal)
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 83 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. E.
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 7 miles per hr.
Total movement of wind in 24 hrs. 120 mls.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hrs. 16 miles per hour.
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 1.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 5/2/1940

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8 46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 74.6 deg. F. a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.20 inches and a compensated aneroid 30.01 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay : Feb. 5.

The local cotton market was expected to open at Rs. 275 for Broach April/May delivery in sympathy with a decline of 3 pts. in New York cotton futures, the market opened to-day at Rs. 275 and quickly advanced to Rs. 279. Later on there was some realising and prices reacted to Rs. 276.

It appears that Bulls are again becoming active as local prices are now on a reasonable parity with American cotton and there is a fairly good export enquiry. Japan has to buy her usual quota and it is generally felt that with prices attractive, they will not miss the opportunity to accumulate Indian cotton crop is small and eventually there will be scarcity of long staple cotton and now the American Government has cancelled Export subsidy. Thus there is nothing to attract foreign cotton here and we maintain what we said before that it is time to secure cotton.

Later on the market was quiet and with decline in shares there was increased selling and prices after declining to Rs. 274/8 steadied at Rs. 275.

Liverpool market opened at a rise of 4 points but there was some realising in the local market. Broach A/M. declined to Rs. 273/8.

There were rumours regarding Mahatma-Viceroy interview and the market closed at 5-30 p.m. as under :—

F G M G Broach April/May	Rs. 274/12
F G M G Broach July/August	Rs. 282/8
Fine M G Oomra March	Rs. 244/12
Fine M G Oomra May	Rs. 248/8
F G M G Bengal March	Rs. 203/4
F G M G Bengal May	Rs. 206/4

Cotton Room Rates

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup.	Fine	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P	210	208	205	202	
M G Punjab	210	208	205	202	
M G Rajputana	219	217	214	211	
M G Oomra No 3	251	249	246	243	...
M G C. P. No. 1	266	264	261	258	...
M G C. P. No. 3	257	255	252	249	...
M G Broach No. 2	278	276	273	270	
M G Surat	313	311	308	305	
M G Rajpipla	313	311	308	305	
M G Navsari	319	317	314	311	

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales 3-12-40	Since 1st Sept. This year.	Last year
Khandesh	345	47,566	30,978
Central India	719	56,614	154,769
Barsi and Nagar	177	93,589	43,741
Hyderabad Gaorani	192	38,933	3,951
Berar	2,780	215,872	94,467
Central Provinces	733	52,853	24,277
Total Oomras	4,946	505,157	352,183
Dholera	970	29,125	92,695
N.-W. Provinces	151	21,701	1,794
Rajputana	137	22,960	33,789
Sind-Punjab	1,140	268,312	221,128
Broach	2,479	26,717	20,491
Coompta and Dharwar		14,530	13,999
Westerns-Northerns	165	16,114	17,497
Cocoanada		50	6
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1309	2,540
American		2,229	1,693
Egyptian, African and Sudan	1,078	190,196	148,796
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,906	7
Total	11,066	1,100 408	906,438
Arrived by road to 1st Feb. 1940		118,248	.....

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales. 3-2-40	Sept. 1 to Feb. 1 This year.	Last year
Total	2,088	445.771	618,813

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay : Feb. 5.

Bengal Fine	213/14
Punjab Fine	208/10
C. P. 1	262/64
C. P. 2	253/54
Berar	247/48
Khandesh	234/38
Jalna/Sailu	238/41
Ahmednagar	238/40
Broach	271/74
Punjab 4 F.	281/88
Punjab 289 F.	311/18
Sindh N. T.	301/306

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, Feb 5

	Rs.	as.	ps.
Castorseeds May :—			
Opening	53	12	0
Highest	54	8	0
Lowest	53	12	0
Closing	53	12	0
Groundnuts February—			
Opening	37	12	0
Highest	37	12	6
Lowest	37	8	6
Closing	27	10	0
Groundnuts May—			
Opening	41	2	0
Highest	41	3	6
Lowest	40	15	0
Closing	41	1	0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening	27	0	0
Highest	27	3	6
Lowest	27	0	0
Closing	27	0	6

HYDRO-ELECTRIC OUTPUT.

Messrs. Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited, Agents for the Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd., the Andhra Valley Power Supply Co. Ltd. and the Tata Power Company, Limited report that the total electrical (Board of Trade) units generated at the three Power Stations (Khopoli, Bhivpuri and Bhira) of the Hydro Group were as follows :—

5th Week (ended February 4th)—

1938	14,308,100
1939	13,777,300
1940	15,306,200
Total for 5 weeks (1st January to date)—	
1938	71,62,300
1939	69,974,600
1940	72,024,600

For the calendar month of January 1940, the total units of energy generated at the three stations amounted to 63,829,000 and the total units sold by the three companies to 55,282,162.

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939/40	1938/39
Receipts to date 3/2/40	5838000	3268000
Receipts yesterday 3/2/40	23000	5000
Exports to date 3/2/40	4249000	2360000
Stock at Ports 2/2/40	3088000	2775000
Stock at Interior towns do.	3011000	3243000
Stock at Liverpool 2/2/40	.....	1029000
Visible Supply 2/2/40	.....	7220000
Quantity in sight 2/2/40	10685000	7652000
Quantity out of sight 2/2/40	.....	6067000

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay : Feb. 5.

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.)	Rs.	as.	ps.
Pepper ready Allepey per candy	91	0	0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy	91	0	0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy	96	8	0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15th per candy	100	0	0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per candy	11	8	0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt	17	8	0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt	18	8	0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt	18	0	0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt	19	12	0

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay : Feb. 5.

Yellow Metal sheets Rs. 58.
Copper sheets Rs. 80.
Tone :—Steady.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes And Speculatives Ruled Steady Throughout

CALCUTT, Feb 5

Jutes ruled steady unchanged and moderate business was put through. Coals ruled quiet but steady. Teas were dull. Miscellaneous : Speculative issues opened steady and remained so throughout the day. Government securities ruled firm.

The following are closing quotations :

Government securities : 3 per cent Government Paper 78/7; 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper; 91/2; 5 per cent loan 110/14; 3 per cent U P Loan 1961-66 87 small lot; 3 per cent U P Bonds 1952 94/2.

Banks : Reserve 103 ex div;

Cottons : Dunbar ord 201; Elgin Mills ord 160; Kesoram ord 6; do pref 121; New Victoria ord 1/7.

Coals : Bengal 371; Burra Dhemo 4/14; Deoli 10/15; Dhemo Main 17; Equitable 37/2; New Beerbhoom 17/4;

Jutes : Adamjee 25/16; Anglo India 394; Auckland 222/8 small lot; Bally 248/8 small lot; Belvedere 430; Budge Budge 359; Clive 27 small lot; Howrah 56/2. Hukumchand 7/14; India 356; Kinnison 36; Presidency 5/14;

Miscellaneous : Burma Corpn 6/11; Indian Copper 2/6 c div; Rhodesia Copper 1/7; Tavoy Tin 2; Burn ord 342 small lot; Hukumchand Electric Steel ord 8/3; small lot; do defd 2; Indian Galvanising 28; Indian Iron and Steel 36; Steel Corporation 19/6; do pref 101/8; Balmer Lawrie 303; B I Corporation ord 4/3; do pref 160 ct; Orient pref 90; do ordy 8; Titaghur Paper A and B ord 30; Midnapore Zamindary 74; Buland 15/4; Carew and Co 11/10; do pref 111 ct; Pertubpore pref 14/9; Raza 15/4;

Debentures : 3 1/4 per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge 95/10 small odd lot; 5 per cent 1956/86 Calcutta Port Trust Debs 110/14.—A. P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI, Feb 5

To-day's closing quotations :—			
Sind Cotton March	26	14	6
Punjab March	21	5	6
4-F March	29	14	9
Tone :—Steady.			
Wheat March	29	13	9
Wheat July	31	0	9
Tone :—Steady			
Gram July	31	13	6
Toria February	44	7	6
Toria March	45	13	0
Toria May	46	14	3
Cottonseed March	23	12	9
Cottonseed May	23	15	3

The market will remain closed to-morrow.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.

AHMEDABAD, Feb 5

The following are closing quotations :—

Calico	745	0	0
Ambika	272	8	0
Gujarat Cotton	15	0	0
Jubli	274	8	0
Jupiter	125	8	0
Motilal Hirabhai	27	8	0
Marsdan	107	8	0
Monograme	68	0	0
Ordinary	379	0	0

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, Feb 5

Government securities were firm with the maintenance of investment demand in medium dated loans. Banks had a meagre business whilst textiles continued steady. Planting issues had some attention centred around lower priced issues. Among miscellaneous, sugar shares had some business whilst electrics had small support. Engineerings and Minings issues ruled steadier.

Exchange transactions : Bank of Hindusthan Ltd 20/8; Kaleeswarar Mills 277 s; 276; Kalasa Tea and Produce ed 4/10; Fringford Estates Debs 103; Cochin State Power and Light Corpn 7/2; West Coast Electrics 6/8; Mysore Sugars 43; 42/8 s i; Deccan Sugar and Abkari Co 45/12; Mysore Tobacco 9/10; Mysore Paper 12/14; 12/15; 13.

The rooms of the Stock Exchange will remain closed to-morrow as a mark of protest against the proposal of levying Excess Profit Tax.

AMERICAN WEEKLY COTTON STATISTICS

(IN 1,000'S)

	New York, Season to-date	This week	Feb 2 Season 1938-39
Total in sight (excluding linters)	10,685	228	7,652
Forwarded to American mills including Canada and other America (excluding linters)	5,233	139	3,964
Exports from U. S. ports	4,209	260	2,348
Of which to Japan	593	41	571
Of which to China	262	15	48
Of which to Great Britain	1,375	83	321
Of which to Germany	30	—	325
Stock at U S Ports	—	3,088	—
Stock at U S interior towns	—	3,011	—
World's visible supply	—	—	—
Of which American cotton	—	—	—
Forwarded to world's mills (excluding linters)	—	—	6,067
Receipts at U S ports	5,815	173	3,263

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON STATISTICS (in 1,000's)

Total forwarded	1,475	25	1,236
East Indian forwarded	157	2	185

Unemployment Due To Closure Of Mill

(From Our Own Correspondent).

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 4.

Over one thousand employees of the Raja Gokuldas Mills, Jubbulpore, have been rendered idle owing to the closing down of the Mills which has now been advertised for sale. The Mill, which is the only Textile Mill in the Mahakoshal had been re-started only a few weeks back after protracted labour troubles.

SAFETY INSTRUCTORS' COURSE

A second Safety Instructors' Course, commencing March 27, will be held in Bombay by the Safety First Association of India, in the conference hall, Electric House.

The course will last four days.

Applications for admission, accompanied by a payment of Rs. 3 to cover the cost of safety literature and Instructor's Badge that will be supplied to candidates, must reach the Hon. General Secretary, Safety First Association, Electric House, Bombay, on or before March 15.

Around The Courts

BOMBAY, Monday.

Inquest Verdict On 15-Year Old Boy

At the resumed inquest on the body of Amarchand Lalchand (15) who was knocked down by a lorry Bom. 450 and who died on the way to Hospital on January 29, the coroner's jury recorded a verdict of death due to negligent driving on the part of Babusingh Ishwarsingh.

A 30-year old person residing at Shrimuk Sadan was found lying in an unconscious state with the doors bolted inside on Sunday.

He was removed to the K.E.M. Hospital but died on the way.

ALLEGED THREAT OF ASSAULT

Arrested on a charge of assaulting a public servant, Sebastian D'Souza was placed before Mr. D. S. Babrekar, Presidency Magistrate, to-day, at Mazagaon Court, and was ordered to be released on bail.

LORRY DASHES INTO TRAM NEAR SEWRI

Arrested on a charge of rash and negligent driving Sona Bhika was put up before Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar, to-day.

It was stated that as the accused was driving lorry No. Y. 8154 along Zackeria Bunder Road, towards Sewree, opposite Cotton Green railway station, he is alleged to have crashed into a tramcar coming from the opposite direction.

The passengers in the tram escaped with a jolting, but a man sitting along side the accused was flung forward and badly hurt in the face. The tramcar was also considerably damaged.

Pending further inquiries the accused was enlarged on bail

ALLEGED THIEF TRAPPED

BOMBAY, Monday.

The vigilance of a clerk in an iron workshop at Trimbak Parashram Street led to the arrest of a person who is alleged to have repeatedly stolen scrap iron from the workshop, on Sunday night.

The clerk of the shop, with the assistance of a few workmen decided to keep a sharp watch on Sunday night. About 1-30 a.m. it is alleged that Abdul Rehman Abdul Rahim entered the shop through a window. He was caught by the watchers and handed over to the police.

Rehman was enlarged on bail at the Girgaum Court to-day.

A verdict of accidental death due to a fall into the hold of a ship which was being broken up at Darukhana, was recorded by the City Coroner at the inquest on the body of Bapu Bala Sangpal (25), who was found lying unconscious in the coal bunker of the ship. He died in the J. J. Hospital on Saturday.

High Court

INJUNCTION GRANTED TO ENO'S

Vishnu Chemicals To Pay Damages

(Before the Hon'ble Justice Sir C. P. Blackwell.)

J. C. Eno Ltd. ....., Plaintiffs.

v.

Vishnu Chemical Co. Defendant.

The plaintiffs are the manufacturers of Eno's Fruit Salt which has a large sale in Indian markets. The Defendants have recently been manufacturing and selling a similar saline named "Falaxar" which is the Marathi equivalent of the Plaintiffs' "Fruit Salt." The Plaintiffs filed the present suit to restraint the Defendants from selling the said article "Falaxar," for damages, for delivery up of bottles, for costs and other relief.

The Defendants raised an interesting point of law when they contended that the right to the exclusive use by the Plaintiff of the words "Fruit Salt" did not imply a right to the exclusive use or translations of those words into all possible languages of the world.

His Lordship came to the conclusion that it clearly follows from the judgment of the English Court of Appeal in the case of in re: Trade-Mark of John Dewhurst and Sons Lt. (1896) 2 Ch. D. 137 that the Plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction restraining the Defendants from passing-off their goods by means of translations into any of the languages used in India. Moreover, this was necessary for the safety of traders because in India there were many languages in use and most people knew more than one language.

His Lordship held that "Eno's" had acquired a reputation in the market and that the Defendants' goods were a colourable imitation thereof. His Lordship therefore decreed the Plaintiffs' suit with costs and awarded Rs. 2,000 as damages to the Plaintiffs.

Mr. F. J. Coltman with Mr. N P. Engineer instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co. appeared for the Plaintiffs.

Mr. X. X. Desai with Mr. A. A. Peerbhoy instructed by Messrs. Thakoredas, Daru, Hemany, and Co. appeared for the Defendants.

SEVEN FOREIGNERS ON TRIAL

Police Prosecutor On Intercepted Letters: Case Postponed

BOMBAY, Monday.

The trial of seven foreigners, arrested on Friday morning for breach of Defence of India Rules regarding the transmission of letters commenced this afternoon before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, a few minutes before 2.

The names of the accused are:—Renato Cantafora (Italian); Prof. Oddone Savini (Italian); Guiseppe Perez (Italian); Hugo Hindermann (Swiss); Mrs. Therse Urchs (German); Mrs Gertrud Stein (German); and Miss Hildegarde Von Bremer alias Mrs. Hildegard Verseteeg.

The case against the first accused Renato Cantafora, an assistant in Lloyd Triestino was first taken up.

The Police Prosecutor, outlining the case for the prosecution stated that the accused stood charged for breach of Rule 21 (2) of the Defence of India Rules, for delivering letters through an indirect route and in a manner calculated to evade examination by a censor.

Seven of these letters, the Police Prosecutor stated were addressed to Germany and 15 to Italy and one to Switzerland. Three of the letters were written by accused Prof. Oddone Savini.

Mr. Crip, Preventive Officer, Customs then gave evidence.

Witness deposed that he kept a watch on M. V. "Victoria" on November 2, when he found the accused delivering a packet to an officer of the steamer. The packet containing 23 letters were detained by him and they were afterwards sent to the Censor.

MISSING LETTER.

The Police Prosecutor informed the Court that one of these letters was missing from the Censor's Office. It had not been traced as yet.

All the remaining accused then gave evidence. They were granted protection by the Court. Some of them stated that they had handed over the letters to the first accused while others deposed that they left their letters in the accused's office.

Sub-Inspector Samant of the C. I. D., stated that he arrested the accused on Friday morning. After hearing the prosecution evidence, the magistrate framed a charge against the accused for breach of Rule 21, sub-clause 2 of the Defence of India Rules. The accused's Counsel stated that he wanted time to put in his plea after examining the letters.

The cases against the other accused were then taken up one after another. The first accused, who was given protection by the Court, the Preventive Officer and Sub-Inspector Samant gave evidence in all the cases. Charges were framed against all the accused.

The accused preferred to put in their plea at a later stage to enable them to go through the letters, which formed the subject matter of the charge.

Mr. Aitken of Crawford Bayley appeared for the first accused. Mr. C. N. Kanuga defended Mrs. Therese and Prof Savini.

Mr. Caroe appeared for accused Hindermann and Bremer while Mr. Couto defended accused Mrs. Gertrud Stein.

The case stands postponed.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS

Bombay, Feb 5

Caltex (India) Ltd Norwegian ss Beaumont of 3218 reg tons, Captain J Knudsen arrived from Bahrein with cargo of kerosene oil.

Lloyd Triestino Company's Italian ss Anfora of 3379 reg tons, Captain M Guiseppe arrived from Genoa with general cargo.

Lionel Edward's Norwegian ss Torn of 4209 reg tons, Captain J A Jensen arrived from Oslo with general cargo.

SAILED

Mackinnon Mackenzie and Company's American s s Fluor Spor of 4067 reg tons, Captain E Salisbury sailed for Wilmington Del with general cargo.

Lionel Edwards Norwegian ss Tai Ping of 2747 reg tons, Captain R Johnsen sailed for Oslo with general cargo.

N Y Kaisha's Japanese ss Atlantic Maru of 4020 reg tons, Captain T Kukita sailed for Yokohama with general cargo.

IMPORTS

893 bales strawboards; 1570 cases cotton yarn; 2592 cases rayon yarn; 1596 cases ctn pcegoods; 102 cases rayon and ctn mud pcegoods; 349 cts galvd steel sheets; 30 cases film; 730 bags broken tiles; 5081 cts tiles; 1902 bales staple fibre yarn; 205 cases porcelainware; 63 cases porcelain insulators; 75 cases charcoal iron; 446 bales prtg paper; 828 cases art silk yarn; 350 pkgs copper wire; 500 cases brandy; 411 cases rayon pcegoods; 200 bales old newspaper; 1179 bags sulphur; 60 cts nitric acid; 40 kegs oxalic acid; 107 bris m i pipe fittings; 62 cases menthol crystals; 177 cases bobbins; 59 cases window glass; 46 cases sheet glass; 104 cases wire netting; 200 bris white lead; 245 cts ply chestwoods; 35 bales wln yarn; 820 tins paint; 380 cases prtd ctn jean; 84 drums caustic soda; 50 bags calcium carbonate; 63 cases ctn and art silk mixed pcegoods; 210 cases refined camphor; 168 cases empty tin cans; 34 cts iron sheets; 88 cases c i pipes; 42 cases c i ware; 200 cases ammonia chloride; 50 cases chlorate of potash; 65 cases ctn goods; 31 cases glazed paper; 30 bales noil yarn; 33 cases enamelware; 44 bales felt hat bodies; 250 cases bleaching powder; 697 cases empty glass bottles; 130 bales simili paper; 100 kegs colour; 105462 pcs and bundles teakwood; 290 bags betelnuts; 400 bags gr nut kernals; 183 bags cocoanuts; 35 bags pepper; 503 cases dry fruits; 515 bales cotton; 83 cases provision; 6967 bakts wet dates; 144 bags dry dates; 100 bags potatoes.

EXPORTS

154 bales ctn c pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 275 bales raw cotton The Podar Trading Co Ltd; 250 bales raw cotton S Jhunjhunwala; 600 bales raw cotton Viram Ladha and Co; 650 bales raw cotton The Patel Ctn Co Ltd; 8 bales sheep skins tud D Abraham and Sons; 570 bags kurdi seeds R Virji and Co; 100 bales hemp G N Mussy; 640 bags myrabollams R S Tata and Co; 10 cases tud chrome leather The Western India Tanneries Ltd; 6665 bags gr nut kernals The Oil Seeds Trading Co Ltd; 101 cases bristles D Abraham and Sons; 26 cases chrome leather tud D Abraham and Sons; 50 bales hide cuttings Faiz and Co; 23 bales tobacco The Golden Tobacco Co; 2460 bags gr nut kernals K M Nathoo; 24 bales ctn twist waste M Narotamdas and Co; 232 bales ctn twist waste M Chandulal and Co; 50 bales ctn waste M Chandulal and Co; 6 bales lamb skins raw D Abraham and Sons; 3050 bags gr nut kernals M Bhuta and Co; 275 tons old iron scrap The Nissho Co Ltd; 34 bales ctn white shirting K Chelaram; 620 bags gr nut kernals G Gokalchand; 26 bags linseeds G Gokalchand; 324 drums magnesium chloride P Magnesia Works Ltd; 33 bundles lambskin raw A W and Y G Hassam Zadah; 50 bales hemp raw T Dawoodbhai; 1859 bags gr nut kernals S M Rajgor and Co; 10 cases sandalwood oil S Nowroji and Co; 200 bales raw cotton Japan Cta Trading Co Ltd; 38 bales cotton raw Arvind Ramanlal Co; 294 bales cotton ra

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu Posh Vad 13, 1996
Muslim: Jilhaj 26, 1358
Parsi: Shcherever 4, 1309
Hightide: 11-01 23-53
Lowtide: 5-27 17-07
Sunrise: 7h. 12m.
Sunset: 6h. 34m.
Improvements Committee at 4-10 p.m.

NAGPADA NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE
Dr. P. M. Titus will speak on the topic "The New Deal in America", at 6-30 p.m. to-morrow (Wednesday). Discussion will follow.

BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE
Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 2-2-1940 were as under:—Number of cheques 1,06,478. Amount of cheques Rs. 26,81,15,035-4-10.

BOMBAY STUDENTS' BROTHERHOOD
The office of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood is now opened at 38, Harvey Road, Chowpatty. All correspondence, enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, at the above address.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL
The opening of the annual conference of the Bombay Presidency Womens Council will take place in the Town Hall, Bombay, to-day (Tuesday) at 4-45 p.m. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu will preside.

STANDING COMMITTEE
An adjourned special meeting of the Standing Committee will be held in the Corporation Hall, to-morrow (Wednesday) at 3 p.m. (B.T.). The ordinary weekly meeting of the Standing Committee will be held on the same day, at 3-30 p.m. (B.T.).

EXCESS PROFITS TAX

Protest Meeting On Friday

A public meeting under the auspices of the Indian Merchants' Chamber and several other Commercial Associations will be held on Friday, February 9 at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall to protest against the Excess Profits Tax Bill."

MATHEMATICS—SCIENCE STUDY CIRCLE
Under the auspices of the above Study Circle, Professor J. Maclean, of Wilson College, will deliver a lecture on "Graphs in School Mathematics" at the Secondary Training College to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION
With effect from February 7 exchange of code telegrams in ABC sixth edition and Peterson International Code third edition will also be allowed in foreign private telegrams with countries other than enemy countries which admit code telegrams in addition to Bentley's second phrase and Bentley's complete codes already authorised. The name of code used should be indicated by senders at the end of the preamble by abbreviation ABC or pet as the case may be which must be signalled but not charged for. All other conditions including surcharge of one rupee per telegram imposed in connection with use of Bentley's codes will also apply to telegrams in these codes.

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CAPITOL—"The Goldwyn Follies" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Hollywood Cavalcade" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Blackmail" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" Daily at 4 6 30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Lion Has Wings" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Apni Nagaria" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day at 1 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"The Will" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani-ki-Reet" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m
IMPERIAL—"Ghazi Salahuddin" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-15 p.m.
PLAZA—"Kahan Hai Manzil Teri" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9 45 p.m.

PUBLIC LECTURE AT VILE PARLE
Under the auspices of Sheth Motubhai Kasavbhai Solicitor, Adhyatimic Sanskrit Vidyalaya, a public meeting will be held at Brahma Nivas to-day (Tuesday) at 9 p.m. when Swami Chaitayna Dev will deliver a public lecture on the "Greatness of our Girwan Bhasha and its importance."

GATHA SOCIETY
A meeting of the Gatha Society will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.), at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 134-136, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, when Dastur Framroze Ardeshir Bode will expound in Gujarati strophes 1—3 of the Ushtavaiti Gatha, Chapter III (Yasna Ha XLV). The lecture is open to the public.

RANADIVE'S LECTURE
Under the join' auspices of the Bombay Students' Brotherhood and the Bhatia Students' Union the third lecture of the series "Ways to the new world" will be delivered by Mr. B. T. Ranadive, to-day (Tuesday) at 6-30 p.m. in the Muslim Students' Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME AT BANDRA TALKIES
COMPLETE SERIAL OF 24 REELS
For three days from February 7th to 9th Bandra Talkies is for the first time to screen a complete serial of 24 reels, for 3 days, daily at 3-15, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
"Zorro Rides Again" starring John Carroll, Helen Christian, Reed Howes, Duncan Renaldo, Richard Alexander and Noah Berry.

"LIGHT AND COLOUR TREATMENT IN DISEASES"
A public lecture in Gujarati will be delivered under the auspices of the Dnyan Prasarak Mandali, to-morrow (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at Sir Jivanji Mody Memorial Hall, "K. R. Cama Oriental Institute", Apollo Street, Fort by Dr. Dara Rustomji Hakim, B.Sc., M.B.B.s., F.R.M.S. (Lond.), on "Light and Colour Treatment in Diseases'. The lecture will be illustrated by the Lantern charts, etc.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES
The eleventh lecture of the above series will be delivered to-day (Tuesday) at Mumbai Marathi Granthasangrahalaya, Fadke Wadi, Vithalbhai Patel Road at 6-30 p.m. A debate has been arranged on the subject "Virtues and Vices of the Marriage System" under the presidentship of Mr. D. A. Tulajapurkar. Professor M. D. Altekar, Professor R. D. Karve, Com. S. A. Dange, Mrs. Ambika Behere, Mrs. Leela Nimkar, Professor D. K. Kelkar, Mr. Sushil Kavalekar, etc. will take part in the debate.

Representative Provincial Transport Authority

TO COME INTO BEING ON APRIL 1ST.

The Government of Bombay has decided to constitute a Provincial Transport Authority and five Regional Transport Authorities under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. They will come into being on April 1, next.

The Provincial Authority will have the Adviser to the Governor in charge of the Revenue Department as chairman. The members will be the Inspector-General of Police; the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department; one representative each from the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, the Indian Merchants' Chamber and the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association; a member of the Bombay Legislature to be appointed by the Government; and a member-secretary, also to be appointed by the Government.

The Regional Authorities are for Bombay, Gujarat, the North Deccan the South Deccan and the Karnatak and a number of officials and non-officials will be appointed then.

SAVARKAR FOR DELHI

BOMBAY, Feb. 5.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, is leaving for New Delhi on February 8 next to preside over the meeting of the Working Committee of the Mahasabha to be held there on February 10 and 11.

Enquiries made by the "United Press" reveal that Mr. Savarkar has not received any official communication from the Viceroy's House so far asking him to interview His Excellency.—United Press.

RAILWAY HAMALS' GRIEVANCES

Representation To Authorities Proves Futile

That free labour was being taken by the G.I.P. Railway from the hamals of Byculla station and that it was done to such an extent that it was impossible for them to do their usual paid coolie work was alleged by Mr. G. M Jadhav at a meeting of the Transport Workers' Union held on Sunday evening at Parel.

The hamals, according to Mr. Jadhav, have been licensed for carrying the luggage of passengers at certain fixed rates which the passengers themselves pay.

In addition to this they were burdened with the task of loading and unloading parcels of all passenger and mail trains. They were called upon to sweep the station platforms and to shift wagons from sidings and to join them on the main goods and other trains. And all this was done without any remuneration.

The 'hamals' had represented their grievances to the authorities some time ago and an official from the transport section had seen the 'hamals' in connection therewith and promised to fix the number of 'hamals' at 28 and to redress some of the other grievances. But nothing had been done so far. On the contrary the number of 'hamals' posted at the station had been increased to 35.

The Committee considered the representation sent by the 'hamals' in this connection and decided to write to the railway authorities on the subject.

OUT TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY

Nariman On Forward 'Bloc's' Mission

BETUL, (C.P.), February 5.

The Forward Bloc was started to restore democracy in the Congress, to make Congress a purely political organisation with its political and economic goal of "Purna Swaraj" and to achieve these objects to bring about a complete consolidation of the Left Wing by amalgamating different groups.

Thus observed Mr. K. F. Nariman in the course of his presidential speech at the C.P. and Berar Forward Bloc Conference held at Betul yesterday.

Continuing Mr. Nariman said that those who had wished and predicted that Forward Bloc was but a temporary phase due to momentary political excitement and would die out in course of few months, must have been disappointed to find this last-born political child daily growing in strength, power and potentiality. If truth, honesty and justice was to prevail, and succeed in the long run, he added, the mission of Forward Bloc must be fulfilled ere long.

Concluding Mr. Nariman said. "Our duty is to mobilise, organise, unite and agitate and I hope that the Provincial Conference will give a correct lead in those directions so far as this Province is concerned. We are assailed on both sides but the greater the difficulties, greater ought to be our efforts and determination, and having faith in our righteous cause, we must triumph in the end".—United Press.

Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN).

The last week-end saw a number of functions and public meetings.

The annual procession of Christ King held at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday attracted a large Catholic congregation. A record attendance was registered.

A long procession of several Sodalities and other religious bodies left St. Andrew's Church and went in procession through a decorated roadway to St. Andrew's Church compound, where a Benediction was given.

FREE SHOW FOR POOR CHILDREN

Under the auspices of the Balkan-ji-Bari a free cinema show was given to the poor children of the suburbs when about 700 children attended.

The Cinema show was given at the Bandra Talkies, the management giving the use of the hall, energy and staff free of charge, while select films were arranged by the Secretary of the Association from various distributors, who also gave the films free.

The Secretary in a brief speech thanked the Distributors and the Management of the Bandra Talkies.

Mr. Habib I. Rahimtoola, Secretary and Treasurer of the Mayor's Rupee Fund in aid of the Olympic games. Mr. Habib, is the youngest son of Sir Ibrahim Rahimtoola.

NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Engineering Industries Sub-Committee Meeting

BOMBAY, Feb. 5.

The "United Press" learns that a meeting of the Engineering Industries Sub-Committee of the National Planning Committee will be held at Jamshedpur to-morrow. Mr. P. N. Mathur, Chairman of the Committee, will preside.

Mr. K. D. Guha, Joint Secretary of the National Planning Committee, is leaving for Jamshedpur to-day to attend the meeting.—United Press.

Sardar Returns From Bardoli

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel returned to Bombay on Monday after a stay of about a couple of days at Bardoli.

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will meet, it is understood, today (Tuesday).

The Board will meet informally tomorrow, it is learnt, to discuss preliminaries of procedure and cognate matters.

On Wednesday the Board is expected to settle down to the actual work of examining evidence.

It is hoped that their labours will be conducted in about a week.

It will be recalled that the announcement of the appointment of the Board was made on Saturday. The Board will consist of Sir Sajba Rangnekar (Chairman), Mr. J. C. Setalvad and Mr. A. S. Trollip (representing employers) and Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta and Mr. S. C. Joshi (representing workers).

dearness allowance was made at the Mahagai conwas made at the Mahagai conference of workers held in Bombay on January 1, last to meet the increased cost of living due to the recent rise in prices.

Fines Of Municipal Workers

The fact that the Bombay Municipal authorities levy and collect an annual average fine of over Rs. 20,000 from the 'bigaries' of the Health Department was disclosed by Mr. D. V. Pradhan at the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Municipal Kamgar Sangh held on Saturday night in the Union's office at Parel.

As against this figure were the fines collected from the Drainage Department which come to an average of about Rs. 2 per year, from the Road Department of about Rs. 7 and from the Workshop and other departments to about Rs. 30 per year. The figures were supplied by the Municipal Commissioner in reply to a question put to him by Mr. Pradhan.

WEEKLY PAPER.

The Committee by a resolution decided to start a weekly paper to ventilate the grievances of municipal workers and to fight for their rights and demands.

It also resolved to proceed with preparations for convening the Municipal Workers' Conference. On the question of dearness allowance the Committee decided to await decision till the Corporation had finally decided on the matter.

From Strength to Strength

Mr. Pradhan, the General Secretary then quoted figures to show that the Union was growing from strength to strength, that during the previous two months its membership had gone up by 500 and totalled over 5000 and that as the position stood now there was no other municipal union in the country which could come anywhere near the Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh.

MOVE TO 'CENSURE' MAYOR FOILED

Issue Of Time-Limit In Budget Discussion: Bharucha Forced To Withdraw

A resolution which was virtually a vote of censure on the Mayor was withdrawn after a debate of about an hour in the meeting of the Municipal Corporation on Monday.

Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha moved that the Corporation regrets that His Worship the Mayor erred in holding, on the strength of Rule 27 of the Procedure Rules, that it was for the Chair to set time-limit to Councillors' speeches during general discussion of the Budget. That the said ruling is calculated to deprive the Councillors of the privilege of full and free discussion of the Budget, enjoyed by them for the last fifty years. The Corporation are of opinion that the Chair has no power to fix any such time-limit for the aforesaid purpose.

Mr. M. N. Talpade seconded the proposition.

The Mayor desired to vacate the chair but he was prevailed upon to remain in his Mayoral Chair.

PRACTICE IN LEGISLATURES

Mr. S. K. Patil pointed out the procedure of the Central as well as Provincial Legislature where three days are allotted for debate and then discussion on the budget estimates is proceeded with. In the Bombay Municipal Corporation, the Mayor allowed three days' debate and then he was perfectly within his rights to restrict the time-limit for speeches.

Mr. Meyer Nissim suggested to Mr. Bharucha to withdraw his resolution and thus honour the convention of the House.

Mr. E. R. Hirjibehedin supported Mr. Patil.

Mr D. V. Pradhan moved an amendment to refer the matter to the Law and Revenue Committee.

WITHIN HIS RIGHTS

Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta also opined that the Mayor was within his rights to restrict the limit of speeches.

Mr. Y. J. Meherally supported Mr. Jamnadas Mehta and urged the movers of the proposition and amendment to withdraw the same.

At this stage Mr. Naushir Bharucha withdrew his resolution and Mr. D. V. Pradhan his amendment.

The House then proceeded with the item postponed at the last meeting on the primary education and again adjourned till Thursday 2-30 p.m.

NO WAR ALLOWANCE FOR DAILY WAGE WORKERS?

Standing Committee Discussion On Commissioner's Proposals

The Municipal Commissioner has submitted his report on the question of granting of war allowance of 20 per cent to those employees of the Bombay Municipality who draw a salary of Rs. 150 p.m. or less.

The Municipal Commissioner in his report states:—

"Although the cost of foodstuffs has increased from 8 to 33 per cent, the cost of other items of expenditure such as fuel and lighting, clothing, house rent, etc., has not shown any appreciable rise.

From the information contained in the Labour Gazette it appears that low paid workers spend nearly 47 per cent. of their wages on food and that the total increase in their cost of living on account of the rise in prices of foodstuffs, etc., since September last has been from 10 to 13 per cent.

Enquiries made by me also got to show that a person earning about Rs. 30 per month is spending from Rs 2 to Rs. 3 more per month owing to the rise in the prices of foodstuffs."

Discussing the present financial position the Commissioner states that the additional liability of the Corporation for primary education would involve an increase of about Rs. 8 lacs while the revenue from the sale of surplus land will disappear within the next two or three years. He does not expect any increase in the revenue while the expenditure is mounting up. He therefore recommends:—

"In these circumstances I would ordinarily be very averse to make any proposal for undertaking additional liability but as I feel that some relief is necessary for our low paid employees I recommend that a grain compensation allowance of Rs. 2 per month may be granted from 1st January 1940 to all Municipal employees drawing a salary of less than Rs. 50 per month.

This allowance should be given to such employees as are in receipt of fixed pay and not on daily wages, and should be withdrawn as soon as a reduction occurs in the prices of foodstuffs.

The total number of such employees permanent as well as temporary is 13,631 and the total liability on account of this allowance during the two months of the current financial year will approximately be Rs. 52,376 and for the next financial year it will amount to Rs. 3,14,256."

PLEA FOR JOINT CONFERENCE

This report was discussed by the Standing Committee on Monday when Dr. J. A. Collaco suggested to call a joint conference of public bodies like the Bombay Port Trust and the Government officials and find out what could be done in the matter.

Mr. Soonderdas Morarji thought the Bombay Municipality should take initiative as the largest employer of the labour.

Mr. Motichand Kapadia suggested Rs. 2|8 allowance instead of Rs. 2 as suggested by the Municipal Commissioner.

At this stage the Committee adjourned till Wednesday.

PUBLIC SITTINGS

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:—

The public sittings of the Board of Conciliation, appointed by the Government to promote a settlement in the Bombay city textile mills wages dispute, will begin on Thursday, February 8.

They will be held in the Council Hall, Fort, Bombay.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE DISPUTE

Board Of Conciliation To Meet To-day

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Board of Conciliation appointed by the Government of Bombay for the settlement of disputes, arising out of the Labour demand for dearness allowance,

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HE WAS ALWAYS TIRED AND ILL

Three Complaints Gave Him A Miserable Time

Now Life's a Joy—Kruschen Thanked

Suffering from three complaints—disordered kidneys, sciatica, and rheumatism, how could this man be anything else but always tired and ill? Yet, he tells us in his letter, that in four weeks, Kruschen Salts brought about "a complete transformation." This is what he writes:—

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A WELCOME MOVE

We have already welcomed the joint appeal of the Hon. Mr. Fazlul Huq, the Bengal Premier, and Mr. B. C. Chatterjee, a Hindu Mahasabha leader, urging the convening of a Round Table Conference to solve the local communal problem. And we welcome now the separate statement issued by Mr. Huq on the same subject. He has already made some progress in his plan, for he has invited fifteen Hindu and as many Muslim leaders to a meeting at his residence. "My intention," he says, "is that we should sit across a table and not get up till a settlement is reached, provided there is equal anxiety and goodwill on the other side." All will appreciate his intention and share his hope for a settlement. But if one is not arrived at this time, neither side need lose hope or question the anxiety and goodwill on the other side. The problem before the conference is to be solved more by an agreement of political principles and policies than by mere anxiety and goodwill.

Coalition Ministries

We do not yet know much about the personnel of the Conference except that the Congress is to be represented by Dr. B. C. Roy and Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose. The latter's attitude towards the Congress authorities has recently been so defiant that one cannot say with confidence whether he will faithfully represent the Congress views. But Dr. Roy is there and he is a host in himself. The Hindu Mahasabha leaders, other than Mr. B. C. Chatterjee, have welcomed the Conference, though they have disclaimed any responsibility for originating the scheme. They have, however, definitely declared that the Conference can do little real good unless it helps to revise the Communal Award. That raises the all-important question as to what are the subjects to be considered at the Conference. As if in reply to the Mahasabha leaders' demand, Mr. Huq seems anxious to concentrate attention for the present on the question of Coalition Ministries. For he says: "The best solution, to my mind, is the setting up of Coalition Cabinets in the provices during the interim period of the war. This is bound to pave the way for communal and cultural unity between the two major communities of India." We shall not regret if the discussion at the Conference is limited to this comparatively simple question of Coalition Ministries. There will then be a better chance of some settlement, even though of a local character.

First Things First

While we agree that the possibilities of Coalition Cabinets should be fully explored, it must be recognized at the same time that the question is not quite so simple as it may appear to those who think more of office than of its responsibilities. Mr. Huq naively observes: "I am strong enough in Bengal, and yet in the best interests of the country as a whole, I am prepared to take Congressmen in my Cabinet." We are not quite so sure of Mr. Huq's strength which is based on the support of the European group. Such strength is really weakness and it is because Mr. Huq realises this that he is trying to acquire real strength by getting the support of the Congress. But he can get this support only to the extent he can make common cause with Congress in respect of its programme, whether or not Congressmen can be Ministers in his Cabinet. Speaking generally, Coalition Cabinets are possible in normal times only where there are substantially common party programmes. Mr. Huq, for the present, contemplates Coalition Cabinets only for the period of the war. He seems to contend that during such a period all parties can coalesce as the war is the all-absorbing topic and it admits of no two opinions. But he will himself see, from the work done by his own Cabinet these five months, that the war has not been its absorbing work. Moreover, in India, the very conduct of war may give rise to sharply differing policies. The Congress, for instance, demands full freedom in its co-operation in helping the war, while others may make no conditions or make them only nominally. This means that, unless the larger question of Britain's war aims and India's constitutional status is satisfactorily solved, the question of Congress forming Cabinets, jointly or exclusively, does not, strictly speaking, arise. First things must come first. Only subject to this fact can Congressmen anywhere discuss the question of Coalition Cabinets.

Universal Protest

The whole country has protested against the proposed Excess Profits Tax Bill, which will be introduced in the Central Assembly to-day. To show their strong resentment against this measure all leading Bombay markets have decided to observe one day's hartal and there will be no trading at all to-day. Recently it was said in the House of Commons that Dominion Status was in action in this country and under this status the country is being compelled to make a huge sacrifice without its consent.

It is necessary to examine the effect of the tax on cotton in respect of which some profits are earned. Broach cotton was quoted around Rs. 160 in 1937 and 1938. This level was uneconomic and brought ruin to the cotton growers. Did the Government do anything to bring the price to its due level? They did nothing. They calmly watched the ruin of millions of cotton growers as the American Government, with a view to displacing foreign cotton from world markets, passed an Act to give export subsidy of 1.50 cents. per lb. of their own cotton. The prices of Indian cotton had to be lowered to the extent of the subsidy granted. Thus Indian cotton growers and merchants had to suffer losses. But the Government of India did nothing to avert these losses. Even railways refused to lower their freights. Now when prices are returning to normal levels owing to the cancellation of the American cotton export subsidy and a small cotton crop this year, can the present rise in cotton prices be called a source of profit or merely an adjustment against previous losses? As a matter of fact there is no profit in the true sense of the term, let alone excess profit. Thus the basis to find out standard profit is vague and misleading. Those who suffered losses in the past have the right to recover their losses but the Government seem to be out to take whatever is available on an erroneous basis. Now when prices are going up, Government want 50 per cent. from the rise. Will they be prepared to pay 50 per cent. when prices decline, which is certain in due course? The policy of 'heads we win, tails you lose" is anything but fair.

Congress Presidentship

Only two nominations have been received for the Presidentship of the Ramgarh session of the Indian National Congress, the majority of the provincial committees recommending Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The Congress Constitution allows a period of ten days for any of the candidates to withdraw his name from the contest and we think that it will be a graceful gesture on the part of Mr. M. N. Roy to retire in favour of Maulana Azad. Hindu-Muslim unity is the crying need of the country to-day and this cause will be best served by appointing a person of the standing of Maulana Azad as the nation's tribune. He is as true a Congressman as he is a true Muslim and is held in high esteem throughout the country for his knowledge, sobriety and patriotism. The unanimous election of Maulana Azad will go a long way to assure the minorities and to bring them under the Congress banner for the liberation of the nation.

Germany's Economic Difficulties

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

PARIS (By Mail).

The Russo-Finnish struggle is seen as calling forth sharper reaction generally in Europe. The sympathies of leading papers greatly representing opinions of influential groups and those standing near to official circles in most capitals are clearly expressed for Finland. An important exception in the matter is constituted by German press, a fact taken greatly as reflective of a Russo-German understanding and even more of a trend for the understanding to get closer in the period, under conditions. The prominent Paris daily "Le Temps" which in France holds a position similar to or comparable with that of "The Times" of London in Britain, has newly published another article more definitely stressing the idea of England and France assuming a keener lead of more practical character in support of Finland. The article refers to adoption of measures suited to defeat Murmansk getting to be employed as a naval base in a combined way by Russia and Germany, initiation of steps to aid the Finns to regain the Artic port of Fetsamo and with that making also possible the landing directly of materials in Finland and creation of diversion for Russia in other regions, particularly round the Black Sea. It is indicated that a course of a more definite nature on behalf of Finland is advocated with the attribution of a closer character to the existence and possibilities of German-Russian co-operation and on the assumption of a move against Russia offering or opening a scope that will carry its repercussions against Germany in weighty ways. From the German side hints or threats are thrown out, especially to the Scandinavian lands and also to Denmark and Holland, to the effect that a halt by them contributing to an active rendering of aid to Finland from outside will not remain a matter of indifference in the determination of German policy to them. There are also references of a warning type in the German press to Turkey. The article in "Le Temps" takes note of this and points to important moves that could be undertaken in a more direct way by Britain and France, suggesting at the same time, that a firm course will go to produce favourable reactions in several other States, including some of the ones against which German intimidation is greatly directed. The Russo-Finnish conflict has thus assumed a widened interest involving bigger perspectives. Apart from increase of significance to regions nearer about, it now goes to cast an added attention to the Balkan and the Caucasian scenes.

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Reports from various neutral sources greatly affirm an accentuation of economic rigour in Germany. The appointment recently of Marshal Goering to a new post, giving him supreme powers for the regulation of economic affairs, is viewed alike as suggestive of an added pressure felt with the blockade serving as an important factor towards extension of economic pressure and a concentration to sustain resistence. The latter means the initiation of harder and sharper measures in directions. This task, however, is suited to bring repercussions that might well add to the care and concern of Germany. Nazi leaders doubtlessly have a tremendous faith in force and regulations of affairs by force. But even they have to recognize that there are matters or extents over and beyond which results cannot be achieved by force. This is illustrated by certain revisions already found as necessary to be introduced in regard to some moves initiated by Germany soon after the commencement of the war. The issue is discussed at some length in a recent report by the Berlin correspondent of the important Swiss daily "Neue Zurcher Zeitung". It is an important issue. Immediately after the opening of the war, Nazi Germany initiated the principle of "war labour and wages" declaring that "every ' 'Volksgenossen" (member of German peoples' community) should realise the necessity of making required and called for limitations in way and standard of living". In practical terms, this meant abolition of holiday regulations, doing away with the system of extra payment for additional labour, checking of rules relating to hours of labour and removal of restrictions referring to night work. The new move was in the direction of an equalisation of the payment of the factory labourer and the soldier, a step that Luddendorf at a rather advanced stage of the last war tried to introduce, without success. Under the impress of psychological consequences and others of a more concrete nature produced by the decree referred to above, it is reported, Germany has been led to state modifications to it and make announcements assuring the basis of certain limitations in hours of work, extra payment for additional labour and having holidays. The revising measure refers to a ten hours day as the maximum, with a twelve hours day only in certain cases where to a good part a state of preparedness for labour is only demanded, and this also limited to men above eighteen. It also states that with official permission in "extraordinary cases" employment can be extended beyond these limits and so only women and young workers taken to night shifts. The conditions of labour in Germany remain severe; much harder than those in many other lands. A care to a modification all the same is interesting. One might say it is interesting or significant particularly in the light of an already obtaining se-

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Some Indian States Budgets (1939-40)

Baroda, Hyderabad, Indore And Mysore

By Bhikhalal B. Kapasi

That there is an increasing tendency, amongst the Governments of progressive Indian States, to spend large amounts after nation-building activities leading to mass-uplift, will be evident from the perusal of the facts and figures given below.

They also reveal that those in authority in these States have concentrated their attention on (1) stabilisation of the financial policy of the State, (2) adoption of a liberal policy in granting relief to the agriculturists, (3) concentrating efforts for the socio-economic uplift of rural areas, (4) building up sufficient reserves to meet emergencies like famine, floods etc., and (5) promotion of workable, practicable, and useful schemes to promote agriculture, to develop industries, and to remove illiteracy.

Baroda

The Baroda budget for 1939-40 closes with a surplus of Rs. 5.5 lakhs, income being Rs. 250.43 lakhs. A comprehensive examination of the finances has been made and a revised policy framed for the future.

Remissions of land revenue varying from 12 1|2 to 25 per cent. were given by the Government in December 1938 for a term of 5 years and were made permanent in February 1939. Four pies of land cess hitherto deducted as Prant Panchayats' contribution for primary education has been remitted for a period of five years from 1938-39 besides relief in the expenditure incurred on veterinary relief. The remissions and concessions amount to Rs. 23 lakhs a year, including Rs. 20 lakhs in land revenue. Government have granted these extensive reliefs without crippling the activities of the development departments and the range of the social services rendered by the State mainly due to careful financial management for many years, and to the increase in the customs revenue as a result of the customs agreement of 1936.

To ensure financial stability Government have constituted a State Reserve Fund by setting apart Rs. 350 lakhs out of the liquid assets of the State, and have formed a separate Land Revenue Equalisation Fund crediting Rs. 50 lakhs from the accumulated savings of the State.

On the receipt side Land Revenue comes in with Rs. 95 lakhs, Customs Rs. 31.50 lakhs, Excise Rs. 24.0 lakhs, Railway, Rs. 18.10 lakhs, Interest Rs. 18.0 lakhs. Government co-operation with Bombay Government's prohibition campaign, viz., the maintenance of shopless zones and the rationing of shops, is expected to result in a decrease of excise revenue of about Rs. 2 1|2 lakhs a year.

Turning to the expenditure side khangi budget civil list has been fixed at Rs. 21 lakhs a year, while Education tops the list with Rs. 39.50 lakhs, P.W.D. coming next with Rs. 27.50 lakhs.

Hyderabad

The budget for the year 1939 Fasli (1940-A.D.) anticipates a surplus of Rs. 1.25 lakhs. The receipts and expenditure for the year are estimated at Rs. 882.44 lakhs and Rs. 886.19 lakhs respectively.

Provision has been made for an additional recurring allotment of Rs. 7.50 lakhs, ultimately rising to 12.60 lakhs in the coming years, for implementing the decision of the Government to expand free and primary education in rural areas so that every village with a population of 1,000 and over may have a primary school.

The relief measures hitherto sanctioned are estimated to involve an expenditure of over Rs. 14 1|2 lakhs, in addition to remissions and suspensions in land revenue granted to the extent of Rs. 30 lakhs. The land revenue collections are eliminated not to exceed Rs. 295 lakhs against the normal of Rs. 325 lakhs. Against the ordinary recurring expenditure of Rs. 869.15 lakhs, the estimate for capital expenditure amounts to Rs. 164.37 lakhs, Rs. 76.83 lakhs are being allotted to Railway. Under irrigation, Rs. 8.26 lakhs are provided for the completion of the Nizamsagar Project; Rs. 7 lakhs are provided for buildings to be financed from loan funds; and the remaining Rs. 9.23 lakhs are for capital works of electricity, printing and telephone departments and mansub commutations. It is estimated that the incomings under debt heads will exceed the outgoings by Rs. 12.19 lakhs.

The new year is expected to start with an opening balance of Rs. 228.03 lakhs and after providing Rs. 164.37 lakhs for capital expenditure, to close with a

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Frankly Speaking

Finnish Defence

Even if we did not accept all the Helsinki claims of Finnish successes that Moscow makes it a point of either deprecating as exaggerated or wholly denying the fact remains that the Finns have consistently put up a gallant defence against great odds. It is not the first time in military history that the 'big battalions' have failed to bring victory and there are a number of important factors that strengthen the Finns' position. Military observers are naturally inclined to compare the Finnish situation with the one in which the unfortunate but equally heroic Poles found themselves. The terrain factor operated heavily against the Poles in addition to their being jammed in between two powerful armies. There is a tendency to credit the 'Blitzkriag' of the Nazis with this victory combined with the terrific smashing power of the combination of tank and aviation. The Polish Command, it is interesting to note, was as efficient as the Finnish. Although manned by the youngest generals that could be found in the modern European armies, it counted amongst its ranks men who possessed considerable fighting experience in the Russo-Polish operations.

Mannerheim Line

In Finland the Mannerheim line itself is proving the most valuable factor combined with the fighting quality and morale of the Finns who have been kept in trim during the last 21 years. The Finns to-day appear very much like the Basques in certain phases of the Spanish Civil War and they are much more fortunate in the possibilities that are calculated to prolong their defence. The Finns are likely to receive such urgent help as they require but for which they have not so far waited. Even the Germans are likely to help them although such reports have so far been denied in Berlin.

The Balcan Conference

"Drang Nach Osten" (Drive To The East) is still one of the main planks in the Nazi programme of world domination. Since the annexation of Albania, Italy, too, claims the right to throw her weight in the Balkans. It was but natural, therefore, that the Balkan Powers should try to forget their internal dissensions and unite in the face of common danger. And it was the proper thing for them to have postponed the question of territorial revision. With Hitler knocking at the door and Mussolini taking a portentous interest in Balkan affairs, these countries cannot afford to talk of changing existing boundaries. For this reason the attitude of Hungary is extremely disquieting. According to a report, unofficial Hungarian observers declare that the situation regarding Hungary's claims remains unchanged as a result of the conference and they express disappointment at the decision to postpone discussion on these claims and state that Hungary would have preferred a settlement of her demands through direct negotiations with Rumania and not within the framework of any regional bloc, which may be formed.

German Menace Checked

Hungary has had claims on Rumania from whom she demands the return of Transylvania. And evidently the Hungarians are not far-sighted enough to sacrifice these claims for the sake of peace in the Balkans. They got their pound of ush on the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia. Would they risk a general armed upheaval in South Eastern Europe for the sake of Transylvania? In any case, it is satisfactory to note that Turkey has been able to persuade Bulgaria to agree to a postponement of the consideration of her territorial claims upon Rumania and Greece and also that the four Balkan Powers have prolonged their peace pact by seven years. Thus while not doing anything to give positive provocation to Hitler, they may be said to have checked his impending advance towards the east.

A Shocking Case

The sentence of transportation for life passed by the Sessions Judge of Cawnpore on Jan Mohammad, a Labour leader, for a seditious speech makes one rub his eyes. It appears, however, that the accused was charged under Section 121, which prescribes transportation for life as the minimum sentence for the offence concerned. The Judge himself protested against "having had to pass what appeared to him a perfectly absurd sentence in the circumstances of this particular case." Such a sentence, therefore, may be perfectly legal but it patently fails to do justice. We wonder, however, why the Government launched the prosecution under this section at all, especially when the accused was simultaneously charged under Section 124 A also. However it may be, the local Government must lose no time in revising this sentence.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Criticize yourself to-day and others to-morrow.

The collector of the wages of sin is never turned away empty-handed.

A woman thinks that there is only one man in the world whose wife is perfect.

Hang on to the old friends until you see how the new bunch is going to pan out.

A man has a heavy load to carry when his wife tries to share it by putting all his earnings on her back.

It isn't until after a boy has celebrated his eighth birthday anniversary that he begins to notice his father's ignorance.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

MOSCOW, Feb. 4.

The headquarters, Military District, Leningrad, has issued a statement denying that the Soviets have launched any offensive, either "large or small," in Finland . . . . ."—Reuter.

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At the terrific rate that the Japanese forces are liquidating the Chinese army, soon "Made In Japan" Chinese soldiers will have to be imported to carry on the holy war in China.

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DEATHS—Russian Bogey, after a long and valuable life, much mourned by retired colonels in West End Clubs. R.I.P.

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WHY UNCLE SAM WANTS THE ANTARCTIC

—Headline.

Lebensraum—or place in the midnight Sun?

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"I have never been so keen on having a communal settlement as I am now," declares the Hon. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, the Bengal Premier.

We quite believe it—though not perhaps in the same sense that he means.

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"For this purpose," further declares Mr. A. K. F. H., "I issued from Calcutta last week a joint statement with Mr. B. C. Chatterji, the Hindu Mahasabha leader."

Which does prove something, doesn't it?

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And if there was any doubt Mr. B. C. Chatterji, Vice-President of Bengal Hindu Mahasabha, has removed it by issuing another statement, wholeheartedly supporting Mr. Fazlul Huq.

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Proceeding, Mr. Huq says: "I am very anxious that India should not miss the bus at this most critical juncture in her history. I hold that no community or organisation has the right to hold up the progress of the country . . . ."

Isn't he courting trouble with the Qaed-i-Azam for making such pointed allegations?

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IT IS OUT OF THE BAG!

"Just before Mahatma Gandhi left Birla House a black cat appeared across the entrance to the drive, paused majestically as if to impress the observers with the fact that it represented an omen of good fortune, and then stalked off with the air of one on whom political reputations and destinies depend."

Delhi report.

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Dr. R. P. Paranjpye, President of the National Liberal Federation of India, has sent a telegram to His Excellency the Viceroy in the course of which he says:—

"In view of the impending negotiations between Your Excellency, Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah, I would respectfully urge that there are other opinions in the country....."

"In particular, I would urge that the Liberal Party is strongly against any steps which,....."

"Further no steps in the direction of political advance of the country will be acceptable to the Liberal Party....."

.....And further the Liberal Party believes that the least that the Viceroy can do to recognize the meritorious services of the party to India and the Empire is to send an invitation to its distinguished leaders to exchange identical views with His Excellency.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS
(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) Following the apology to Estonia, the Soviet will now apologize to Finland also.

(2) The Railway authorities are faced with a serious problem owing to the rush of people New Delhiwards!

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"What is the title of your new book?"

"'My Wife and I'."

"Oh, another war novel"!

Two Germans Taken Prisoners

Engagement In No-Man's Land: Br. Trawler Founders

PARIS, Feb. 5.

GERMAN RECONNOITRING PATROL GOT THE WORST OF IT, WHEN IT ADVANCED TOWARDS THE FRENCH LINES, EAST OF THE BLIES, AND MADE CONTACT WITH THE FRENCH ADVANCE POSTS.

THERE WAS A BRIEF ENGAGEMENT IN WHICH BOMBS AND MACHINE-GUNS WERE USED BEFORE THE GERMANS HURRIEDLY RETREATED, LEAVING TWO PRISONERS.

American Ambulance For Western Front

PARIS. — Twenty-two ambulances subscribed by Americans for service at the Western Front are leaving Paris to-day to take up their positions. American volunteers are manning them.

Indian Soldiers Need Gramophone Records

Mrs. Chamberlain will visit the depot of Indian Comforts Fund on February 8.

The first consignment of comforts to France was despatched on January 27.

Hills, Officer Commanding Indian troops in France, writes:—"The great need is for Indian gramophone records and illustrated magazines of all kinds."

The Fund Committee are arranging to meet all these requirements and would welcome contributions of Indian gramophone records.

TOBACCO FUND

British people all over the world have contributed so far £30,000 to the Overseas League Tobacco Fund. This sum will provide an equivalent of 35 million cigarettes for the members of the fighting forces.

A party of sailors from Newfoundland, some of the many who have joined the Royal Navy, spending a few days leave in London, had an unexpected meeting with Mrs. Chamberlain this morning.

Most Ambitious Armaments Plan

The requirements of Government for speeding up the production of armaments were explained by the Minister for Labour to-day to the Executive of the Amalgamating Engineering Union.

Mr. Fred Smith, General Secretary of the Union, said it was the most ambitious programme he had ever seen and an immense new labour force would be wanted.

Women In War Effort

It will be recalled that Mr. Churchill recently spoke of absorption of a million women in the country's war industrial effort. Government's programme includes not only shifts covering twenty-four hours of the day but more and more factories.

NEUTRAL STEAMERS FEARED LOST

CSLO.—Owners of the Norwegian steamer 'Segovia' (1,300 tons) state that they fear that the ship with the crew of 22 and one passenger has been lost "en route" from Portugal to Norway. The latest report from 'Segovia' was from the Bay of Biscay on January 20.

STOCKHOLM:—Fears are expressed for the safety of the Swedish steamer "Andalusia" (1,300 tons) which left Bordeaux for Gothenburg with a crew of 21 on January 17.

Minesweeper Founders: Five Killed And 49 Missing

His Majesty's minesweeper, the "Sphinx," foundered in heavy weather, while being towed into port with engines disabled. When entering the port the tow parted and the ship capsized.

Commanding Officer J. R. N. Taylor and four ratings were killed and four officers and 45 ratings are missing and feared to be drowned. Two officers and 46 ratings have landed.

The "Sphinx" was damaged by the enemy air-raids on Saturday. —Reuter.

Bodies Of German Airmen Washed Ashore

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The bodies of three German airmen, one wearing the Iron Cross, washed ashore in Northumberland are believed to be the crew of the "Heinkel" brought down at the mouth of the Tyne on Saturday.

A German float, fully inflated was washed ashore in the Orkneys. It is believed that the crew of the German aeroplane was drowned after taking to the raft. —Reuter.

JUNAGADH PLANE FOR R. A. F.

(From Our Correspondent.)

JUNAGADH, Feb. 3

The Nawab of Junagadh State has presented his Aeroplane to the Royal Air Force, to use it for training at Ambala. Flight Lt. Baron took delivery of the machine at Junagadh Aerodrome on Friday last.

HUNGARY DISAPPOINTED

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way home should give the Bulgarian Government a review of the conference's discussion.

It is understood he will assure the Bulgarian Prime Minister that Bulgaria's peaceful attitude was warmly appreciated and Bulgaria's position was discussed in the most friendly manner but territorial claims should be left for discussion at a later stage.

HUNGARIAN REACTION.

Unofficial Hungarian observers declare that the situation regarding Hungary's claims remains unchanged as a result of the conference and they express disappointment at the decision to postpone discussion on these claims and state that Hungary would have preferred a settlement of her demands through direct negotiations with Rumania and not within the framework of any regional bloc, which might be formed.—Reuter.

French Reaction To Balkan Conference

PARIS. Feb. 5

A good impression has been made in official circles by the results of the Balkan conference. It is stated the results are satisfactory because they indicate the strengthening of collaboration between the Entente and with immediate neighbours particularly Bulgaria.

It is believed that private discussions though not committing any member beyond the terms announced in the communique yet have gone a long way towards ensuring constructive collaboration of the Balkans if a situation more difficult than at present should arise.

Inter alia' it is considered that **the conference marks a new stage** in the improvement of relations between Yugoslavia and Turkey and the fact that M. Sarajoglu coupled the names of King Alexander and Ataturk as founders of the Balkan union in his statement at the close of the conference is regarded as significant in their connection.—Reuter.

ARRESTS IN SWISS ESPIONAGE CASE

BERNE, Feb. 5.

A woman of foreign nationality, living in a hotel at Lausanne was arrested in connection with the Swiss Espionage Case according to the "Lausanne Gazette."

Another woman, believed to be German, living in Basle and a man were arrested at a hotel in Olten yesterday on suspicion of spying.—Reuter.

BY-ELECTION FOR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY SEAT

LONDON, February 5.

Dr. Archibald Vivian Hill, Independent Conservative, "Brother-in-law of the economist J. M. Keynes" and Prof. J. A. Ryle, Indepedent Progressive, have been nominated for the Cambridge University by-election. Messrs Jeans and Ransome, both withdrew. Voting is on February 19 to 23 and the result will be announced on February 24.—Reuter.

JAMMU, February 5.—In exercise of the powers conferred by the Matches (Excise) Duty Regulation, His Highness the Maharaja has prohibited the bringing of matches into the Jammu and Kashmir State from Mayapadar and Champrajpur talukas in the Western Kathiawar Agency.—United Press.

MAHATMA-VICEROY TALKS

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that had to be faced in that connection.

EXPANSION OF VICEROY'S EXECUTIVE

"He added that the offer put forward by him in November last of an expansion of the Governor General's Executive Council on the lines and on the basis then indicated remained open and that His Majesty's Government were prepared to give immediate effect to that offer. Subject to the consent of the parties affected His Majesty's Government would be prepared also to reopen the Federal Scheme so as to expedite the achievement of Dominion Status and to facilitate the settlement after the war of the issues to which it gave rise.

DISCUSSIONS DEFERRED

"Mr. Gandhi expressed appreciation of the spirit in which these proposals were put forward, but made it clear that they did not, in his view, at this stage meet the full demand of the Congress Party. He suggested, and the Viceroy agreed, that in the circumstances it would be preferable to defer for the present further discussions with the object of a solution of the difficulties which had arisen."

Mahatma Approves Draft

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

It appears that the draft of the official statement on Gandhi-Viceroy interview was sent to Birla House at 6 p.m. for Gandhiji's approval.—United Press.

SIR SIKANDAR DEPLORES BREAK-DOWN

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, left Delhi for Lahore by the Frontier Mail tonight.

Questioned by the Associated Press regarding the Gandhi-Viceroy talk, he declined to make any statement except that he considered it unfortunate that the Congress was unable to see its way to end the deadlock.

COALITION IN PUNJAB

Asked as to the possibility of the proposal for forming a Coalition Government in the Punjab, Sir Sikandar said that if it was to facilitate a settlement on an all-India basis, he would be willing to give the experiment a trial in his Province.

REAL ISSUE

In spite of the inconclusive nature of the Gandhi-Viceroy talk to-day, Sir Sikandar hoped that in the interests of the country as a whole a further opportunity would be afforded to all the parties concerned to resolve the vital issue. He repeated his conviction that the real solution of the Indian problem lay in the settlement of the communal question by the leaders of the various interests.

DEPUTATION TO ENGLAND

Asked whether any time-table had been fixed for the Muslim League delegation to proceed to England, Sir Sikandar said that no date had yet been fixed and that so far as he was concerned he would not be able to leave India till the budget session of the Punjab Legislative Assembly concluded at the end of April.—A.P.

GANDHI-JINNAH MEETING CANCELLED

Mahatma To Leave Delhi To-day By G. I. P. Bombay Mail

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

On his return to Birla House Gandhiji hastened from the car into the house, and avoided any question by people waiting outside the house. While passing through the garden of the house a bystander asked when he proposed leaving Delhi, Gandhiji replied as he walked along: "I may go to-morrow, if not to-day." He sat for a few minutes in the house, with Mr. Birla, and Mr. Mahadev Desai, but after a short talk he retired to rest and is still sleeping.

No statement is to be issued by Gandhiji at present, and while the utmost reticence is being observed there is certainly no indication of any optimism.

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, is leaving for Lahore to-night.

NO GANDHI-JINNAH MEETING

It now appears that Mahatma Gandhi plans to leave for Wardha to-morrow morning by the G.I.P. Bombay mail. The meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah which was expected to be arranged is now unlikely to take place.

PROTEST AGAINST PROFITS TAX

City Markets Will Observe Hartal To-day

To protest against the introduction of the new Excess Profits Tax Bill in the Central Legislative Assembly to-day, most of the City markets including the East India Cotton Association will remain closed to-day.

The following Associations have resolved to observe hartal:—

The Bombay Commission Agents' Association, The Bombay Yarn and Silk Merchants' Association, The Hindustan Native Merchants' Association, The Sugar Merchants' Association, The Silk Merchants' Association, The Mill Gin Store Merchants' Association, The Bombay Grains & Seeds Association, The Bombay Shroff Association.

ATTLEE HAS SHOWN THE WAY

Britain Must Give Up Imperialism, Says "Daily Herald"

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The Labour "Daily Herald" commenting on the speech of the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Attlee, says that Mr. Attlee has shown the way to disprove the German lie that Britain is fighting an Imperialist War. This way, says the "Daily Herald" is by renouncing all claims to special rights in Colonial territories, by declaring Britain's preparedness to bring everyone of her Colonies under the Mandatory System and by pressing forward the policy of extending Self-Government wherever it is practicable. —Reuter.

FATAL AIR-CRASH IN NEWZEALAND

LONDON, Feb. 5.

A message from New Zealand states that an aircraft crashed into the sea yesterday.

All the three occupants were killed.—Reuter.

Board Of Trade Chief Becomes M. P.

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Sir Andrew Duncan recently appointed President of the Board of Trade was returned unopposed as one of the two M. Ps. for the City of London.

Sir Andrew Duncan succeeds Sir Alan Anderson who has retired.—Reuter.

Labourite Returned Unopposed

LONDON, Feb. 5.

Mr. D. L. Mort (Labour) has been returned unopposed from East Swansea succeeding Mr. David Williams, retired owing to ill-health.—Reuter.

NAGPUR FOR AZAD

NAGPUR, Feb. 5.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has been nominated for the Presidentship of the Ramgarh Congress by the Nagpur Provincial Delegates.—A. P.

Ramgarh Congress R. C. Meeting

RAMGARH, Feb. 5.

Mr. Ambika Kanta Sinha, officer in charge of the Reception Committee of the Ramgarh Congress, announces that a meeting of the Committee will be held here on February 17 to elect office-bearers and an Executive Committee and to adopt the budget.—United Press.

It Depends On The Viceroy Also

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

After the issue of the agreed Communique this evening the Associated Press asked a person in close touch with Mahatma Gandhi whether any arrangements had been made to resume discussions in the light of the concluding sentence of the Communique.

The reply was given that this was not a matter which could be answered from Gandhiji's side only and that no time-table could be fixed for any further discussions at the moment.—A.P.

Punjab "State Aid To Industries Bill"

LAHORE, Feb. 5.

The Punjab State aid to Industries (amendment) Bill was passed by the Punjab Assembly House. Sir Chhotu Ram, Development Minister, winding up the debate on the third reading, assured the House that subsidies would be granted only in just and deserving cases.—A. P.

MUSLIM LEAGUERS PAUSE & PONDER

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb 5.

A new situation somewhat more hopeful in many ways has emerged as a result of the talks and conferences during the last two days.

The fact that British Government has rejected Mr. Jinnah's proposal for a Royal Commission and the Viceroy has finally replied to the Muslim League expressing inability to give the assurances asked for, has had a sobering effect.

Coupled with it was the fact that the Viceroy was quite prepared to resume negotiations with the Congress separately and try to meet its view point. This was responsible for change in the League's tactics and explains moderation and the desire for accommodation shown in Mr. Jinnah's statement prior to the meeting and the resolution adopted by the Working Committee.

The fact that soon after his interview with the Viceroy Mr. Fazlul Huq has issued a long statement expressing a desire for settlement and announcing a move for a Round Table Conference on provincial basis is considered significant.

The meaning put upon the Viceroy's statement in November last is that, he would welcome efforts in various provinces to settle communal differences among themselves and reach an agreement. Both Sir Sikandar and Mr. Fazlul Huq appear to be keen on securing provincial settlements and thereby try to secure a better atmosphere in the country.

All these facts are regarded as pointers to show that influential sections of the Muslim League are exerting themselves to secure a revision of Mr. Jinnah's demand in the light of the Viceroy's reply and come to an arrangement with the Congress.

Muslim League Executive

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

The Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League meets to-morrow afternoon to hear Mr. Jinnah after his interview with the Viceroy.

To-day the Committee as well as the members of the Constitution Sub-Committee continued examination of various schemes relating to the future constitution and re-distribution of India, which have been placed before the League.—United Press.

BOSE ON FORWARD BLOC'S PROGRAMME

DUMKA, (By Mail).

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose paid a visit to Dumka on February 1 and addressed a meeting of the local people at the Frazer Ground. Addresses were presented to him by the Commissioner of the Dumka Municipality, the Hindu Mahasabha and the local Youth League.

In the course of his speech Mr. Bose said that complete independence should be goal of the nation as it had been enunciated by the Congress by its resolutions and the question of compromise with the British Government to get only a part of Swaraj could not arise.

In his opinion the country was hungry for a fight but it was only the High Command who were not ready to launch a campaign.

Referring to the ensuing Ramgarh Congress Mr. Bose said that the country must be ready to take up a fighting programme. If the Congress High Command were after a compromise, he pointed out, the Forward Bloc would fight not only with the British Government but with the Congress High Command also.

He appealed to the people to join the Ramgarh Congress where a parallel Conference of the 'Forward Bloc' would be held.—United Press.

Finnish T. U. Chief On Soviet Workers' "Slavery"

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The President of the Finnish Federation of Trade Unions declared last night that Trade Unionists were wholeheartedly against Russia and many of them were at the front. He added, "we know the conditions under which the Soviet workers live and we have no desire to exchange our conditions to their slavery."—Reuter.

No U. S. Petrol For Russia

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The United States legation in Stockholm has denied reports that United States supplied petrol for Russia.—Reuter.

KARACHI, February 4.—The appointment of M. Muhammad Shusib Khan as Consul for Afghanistan in Karachi has been recognised provisionally by the Governor-General in Council, with the sanction of His Majesty's Government.—United Press.

MOSCOW PLANS FOR BIG SUCCESS

Soviet Press Denies Reverses: Attempt To Break Finland's Defences

PARIS, February 5.

Russian attacks on Finland are reported to be developing on a wider front than hitherto.

It is learned that reinforcements are being dispatched to the battle front from Moscow and Southern Russia.

RUSSIA'S PLANS

It is rumoured that Russians want to secure a big success before the Red Army Festival on February 23 and if it cannot obtain a resounding victory by then, they would be content with "partial success", which would enable them to have an armistice.

Finns Capture Stronghold

A Helsinki communique details the number of Russian attacks yesterday on the Karelian Isthmus, north-east of Lake Ladoga and in Salla sector, claiming that all the attacks were repulsed. It is stated that the Finns recaptured a stronghold, taking considerable booty in tanks, guns and motor vehicles, the Russians losing 500 men.

The communique states that the Air Force bombed enemy troops and air bases yesterday and claims that nine Soviet 'planes were shot down and says Russians bombed numerous places in both south and north Finland. No death was caused and only three civilians were wounded.

Forest Rendered Desolate

All that remains of the great forest round Summa on the Karelian Isthmus where the Russian assault began last week is a desolate waste of charred tree stumps.

Russian shells poured in here are of 1939-1940 makes which may indicate that the Russians have exhausted their pre-war accumulation of ammunition.

The recent heavy Russian attacks, which the Finns repulsed, are regarded as probably the last attempt to break through Finnish defences before the expected spring offensive.

Soviet Bombers Attack Swedish Ambulances

HELSINKI: It is officially announced that Swedish ambulances in Finland were attacked by Soviet bombers to-day. The ambulances contained patients but there were no casualties and the damage was negligible.—Reuter.

Seventy Civilians Killed

About seventy civilians were killed in air-raids in Finland yesterday and nearly a quarter of the town Sortavala, north of Lake Ladoga, was destroyed. Many bombs were dropped on a hospital and an ambulance train, killing about twenty people.

Abo was bombed for the thirty-seventh time. A wing of the University building was hit but nobody was hurt. An incendiary bomb was extinguished by a Professor of Chemistry.

Raid On Railway Terminus

In the morning enemy aircraft raided Kajaani, the terminus of the railway running northwards through the centre of Southern Finland. No details are yet available.

Recently Soviet airmen appear to have been concentrating on bombing hospitals in the country and Churches. Many places of worship have been burned down as a result of such attacks.

Moscow Version

MOSCOW: A Red Army Communique regarding Sunday's operations in Finland states there were patrol activities and some infantry clashes in the region north of Lake Ladoga. There was reconnaissance and bombing by our aircraft.

More Swedish Help To Finland

STOCKHOLM: It was announced last night that a further contribution of £60,000 has been made by Swedish business houses to help Finland.

LONDON: The New Zealand Government's contribution of £5,000 towards Red Cross work in Finland has been acknowledged by the Finnish Finance Minister. —Reuter.

SOVIET PRESS DENIES REPORTS OF REVERSES

MOSCOW, Feb. 5.

News of the Finnish war formerly confined to a few lines is now featured in the press which has published long denials of Soviet defeats with extracts from Scandinavian papers of speeches of prominent Finns suggesting that Finland's resistance is nearing its end.

Observers are wondering whether this presages a heavy new attack.

HELSINKI AND ABO RAIDED

A Helsinki message says:—

Russian 'planes again visited Abo on Sunday and set fire to several houses which were destroyed. It is learned that during Saturday's raid on Sortavala one-hundred houses were burned including a church.

Soviet Expresses Regret.

The Soviet Government has expressed regret to Estonia for the incident on February 2 in which warships of the Baltic fleet shelled an Estonian 'plane while it was flying over Tallinn harbour.

The Assistant Commissar of Foreign Affairs, M. Potemkin, in a note to the Estonian Minister stated that despite the understanding with the Estonian command that Estonian 'planes would not fly over the port of Tallinn and Soviet warships anchored there, a 'plane flew several times over the warships which mistook it for a foreign machine.

Reuter's Special Correspondent on the Karelian Isthmus says that Russian attacks which unexpectedly continued throughout Sunday have already cost the Russians about 3,000 dead.

FIGHTING UNDER ENORMOUS STRAIN.

The Finns are fighting under enormous strain but seem to be holding their positions firmly and they have learned to deal with the new Russian tank sledges.

The Russian attacks on Sunday began early in the morning when tanks appeared with sledges 100 yards behind. During the night the Finns had arranged new fire positions for anti-tank guns and had dug themselves in under cover of darkness in deep holes in Nomansland. When the banks appeared they were met by heavy gunfire and many were halted by showers of handgrenades flung from these holes.

Towards evening the Russians retired in accordance with their usual reluctance to fight after dark.

500 BOMBS DROPPED BY SOVIET 'PLANES

All Principal Buildings Damaged & Telegraph Connections Were Cut

VIIPURI, Feb. 5.

A series of airraids on February 3 resulted in 150 direct hits obtained by 47 Russian aeroplanes which poured over 500 bombs into the town.

Buildings directly hit included an old cathedral and four banks, but all principal buildings were more or less damaged. Telephone and telegraph communications were cut. The airraid alarm continued without break all day and a new one lasted an hour during the night.

The population were wonderfully calm. The machines flew too high to be in danger from anti-aircraft guns. All foreign correspondents were ordered to leave the town.—Reuter.

GERMAN WAR SUPPLIES FOR SOVIET

LONDON, Feb. 5.

The "Daily Telegraph" Stockholm correspondent states that two German vessels from the Baltic took aboard Norwegian pilots in territorial waters southward of Oslo on Friday.

The vessels were found to be loaded with artillery, small arms and ammunition for the Russians based at Petsamo and Murmansk.

The steamers can remain in Scandinavian waters almost the whole day and are expected to unload at Petsamo at the end of the week.

The correspondent states that this traffic has been proceeding for at least a month and the use of large German supplies on the northern front has caused great bitterness among the Finns.

The same correspondent also states that 15 Russian submarines will be exchanged for a German cruiser and probably another warship as the Russians require warships to replace those sunk or damaged by the Finnish coastal batteries and in the air raid on Kronstadt.—Reuter.

Nagpur Civic Muddle"

President & Vice-President Asked To Resign By Congress Party

NAGPUR, Feb. 5.

After protracted debate last night the Congress Municipal Party decided by 19 votes to 13 that Mr. Salve, President, Mr. Awari and Mr. P. M. Naidoo, vice-presidents of the Nagpur Municipality, all Congress nominees, should tender resignations of their offices.

The decision was taken in view of the existing muddle in civic affairs at a meeting held under the chairmanship of Mr. Ranka, President of the Provincial Congress.

It may be recalled that the Provincial Congress recently appointed a committee to enquire into the Nagpur Municipal affairs on a complaint by the Vice-President Mr. P. M. Naidoo, and that the Committee deplored the formation of groups and cliques in the Party.

Mr. Poonamchand Ranka addressing the members deplored the dissensions and said that they lowered the prestige of the Congress. He appealed for unity. The Party, however, decided as above.

It is understood that the matter will now go before the Executive Committee of the Provincial Congress Committee which will decide whether it is desirable that the Congress nominees should resign at this juncture and whether the Congress should face the election of a new president by the whole town of Nagpur under the amended Municipal Act.—United Press.

HUQ GRIEVED

But Will Put Forth Efforts To Solve Bengal Problem

CALCUTTA, February 5.

"I am grieved to learn that the discussion between the Viceroy and Mr. Gandhi has been postponed", said the Hon. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, when the news of the postponement was communicated to him on his return from Delhi to-night.

Mr. Huq continued: "Whatever may be the result of these talks in high quarters, I stick to my resolve to try and bring about a peaceful solution of the problem that concerns Bengal. I have set my mind on it and shall work wholeheartedly for the achievement of an object, which must be dear to the heart of every Bengalee."—A.P.

MOONJE'S TERMS FOR BENGAL UNITY TALKS

JAMSHEDPUR, February 5.

Dr. B. S. Moonje in a statement welcomes the proposed Round Table Conference of Hindu and the Moslem leaders of Bengal. But, he says, the idea cannot come within the purview of practical politics, unless the following three things are brought about previously:—

That Mahatma Gandhi should revise his mentality and withdraw his slogans of "No Swaraj without Moslem Unity" and "Blank cheques to Moslems" and cancel his statement of his loyal acceptance of the Communal Award;

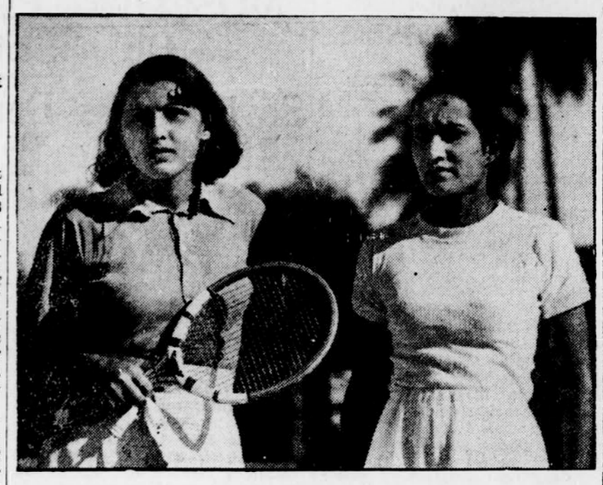
That the Congress and the Muslim League should both denounce the Communal Award and withdraw their acceptance of it; and

That both the Congress and the Muslim League should make up their mind to prevent sternly any intervention of the British Government in this domestic quarrel between the two brothers, the Hindus and the Moslems.

ALL-INDIA PROBLEM

Dr. Moonje adds that the communal problem is essentially an All-India one and must be treated as such, "unless we fall a victim to the vicious imagination, given birth to by Mr. Jinnah, that India is not a nation or a country. There is no other more competent and authoritative body than the Hindu Mahasabha to deal with it efficiently and satisfactorily."—A.P.

LEELA ROW WHO WON TRIPLE CROWN.



The triumphant Miss Leela Row (right) who annexed in the Western India Tennis Championships, the Women's Singles' Title from Miss K. Haji (left). Partnered by E. V. Bobb she won the Mixed Doubles and paired with Miss Emery was best in the Women's Doubles.

No Revolt Against Congress Cabinet

Burrabazar Committee Disapproves Bengal P. C. C. Council's Decision

CALCUTTA, Feb. 5.

Reaffirming its loyalty to the constitution of the Indian National Congress and to the authority of the Congress Working Committee, the Executive of the Burrabazar District Congress Committee, at a meeting yesterday under the presidentship of Pandit Jiwanlal, disapproved of the resolution passed by the Executive Council of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, deciding not to co-operate with the Working Committee.

INCITEMENT TO REVOLT

The meeting was of the opinion that the resolution was unconstitutional and amounted to an "open and highly deplorable incitement to revolt against a superior and properly constituted authority of the Indian National Congress."

The resolution added that in the opinion of the Executive of the Burrabazar District Congress Committee the attitude of defiance on the part of the Council of the B. P. C. C. towards the Working Committee was likely to result in the weakening of the struggle for the freedom and emancipation of the country.—A.P.

NO ELECTIONS ON COMMUNAL ISSUES

Abdus Samad's Advice To Proposed R. T. C. Advocates

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4.

Maulvi Abdus Samad, President of the Anti-Separate Electorate League, Calcutta has issued the following statement to the press regarding the proposed Hindu-Muslim Round Table Conference in Bengal.

While heartily welcoming the idea of holding a representative conference of Hindus and Muslims as suggested in the joint statement issued by the Chief Minister of Bengal and Mr. B. C. Chatterjee, with a view to remove the tension existing between the two communities, I am afraid the proposed conference like the past ones, is likely to end in failure. The root cause of the tension is the pernicious system of separate electorates which is eating into the vitals of the body-politic of Bengal and for the matter of that the whole of India.

As long as that system exists no solution of 'communal problem is possible. As long as elections are sought on communal and religious issues and not on political and economic issues and candidates have to seek election by appealing to the religious and fanatical sentiments of the electorates, the establishment of good feelings and cordial relations between the two communities is impossible of achievement.

If Mr. Fazlul Huq is really anxious to establish peace and harmony between the two communities, he should try to ascertain the root cause of the tension and take steps to remove it.—United Press.

"IRON LUNG" FOR HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Feb. 3. (By Mail).

An "iron lung" being the gift of Lord Nuffield, which arrived here only yesterday, has been installed in the Dabirpurwa Tuberculosis Clinic, the opening ceremony of which was performed this evening by the Hon'ble Mr. C. H. Gidney, in the presence of a large gathering including Sir Akbar Hydari and Maharaja Kishen Pershad.—A.P.

BALANCED BUDGET FOR FRONTIER?

PESHAWAR, Feb. 5.

The Associated Press understands that the Frontier province will have a balanced budget which is attributed to improvement in the revenue position.—A. P.

SOME INDIAN STATES BUDGETS (1939-40

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balance of Rs. 70.15 lakhs.

Indore

The dominating feature of the policy adopted by the Government in framing the budget are retrenchment, economy and systematised expenditure. The sanctioned budget estimates provide for a substantial surplus.

The budget estimates for 1939-40 anticipate a revenue collection of Rs. 1,20,29,000. The budget estimates for the year provide for a revenue expenditure of Rs. 1,19,03,100 including the increased appropriation of Rs. 4 lakhs under the General and Famine Reserve Funds over the provision of the budget for 1938-39. The anticipated revenue surplus is Rs. 1,25,900.

The normal appropriation of Rs. 2,00,000 towards the General Reserve Fund has been increased to Rs. 5,00,000. The General Reserve Fund was formed in 1933-34 to make up the capital and loss of interest of certain fund which had to be withdrawn in four years to finance the Indore city water supply and drainage scheme. Against the loss of interest of Rs. 1,33,000 a year, the funds so far built up as General Reserve Fund yield only just over Rs. 93,000 a year. Hence the need for increased appropriation towards the General Reserve Fund.

The Famine Fund being a necessity for relief of serious famines or of distress caused by serious drought, floods or other natural causes, the yearly appropriation towards this fund had to be increased from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1,50,000 from this year's budget.

With a view to devising a scheme of financial settlement for regulating the growth of expenditure in the various departments of the State so as to check extravagance and securing the utilisation of the resources of the State to the best advantage, the Government have accepted the principle of having a standard budget from October 1940.

Out of a total receipt of Rs. 120.29 lakhs, Land Revenue yields Rs. 56.93 lakhs, Customs Rs. 14.76 lakhs, Excise Rs. 12.52 lakhs, Industries Rs. 6.50 lakhs, Stamps Rs. 7.08 lakhs and Interest Rs. 6.37 lakhs. Out of a total expenditure of Rs. 115.03 Rs. 9.92 lakhs are apportioned for Education, Rs. 4.11 lakhs for medical and public health, Rs. 3.43 lakhs for commerce and industries, Rs. 9.39 lakhs for P.W.D. and Rs. 11.0 lakhs and Rs. 8.01 lakhs for the Civil List and Members of the ruling family respectively.

Mysore

The budget estimates show the receipt of Rs. 39,558,000 and an expenditure of Rs. 399,47,000. However the budget closes with a surplus of Rs. 1,11,000 as rupees 5 lakhs have been met from reserve and other funds.

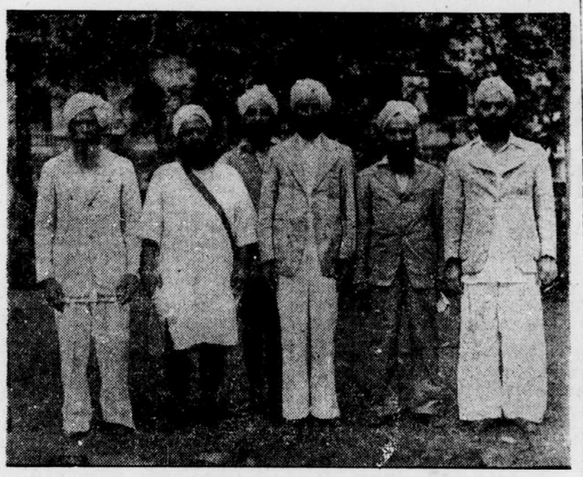
On the receipt side Rs. 265,-45,000 accrue from principal heads of revenue, Rs. 50,29,000 as net receipts of Krishnarajsagar Hydro Electric and Irrigation Works, Rs. 23,27,000 as mining revenue and Rs. 19,15,000 as interest. Amongst the principal heads of revenue, Land Revenue comes first with Rs. 122,33,090 and Excise next with Rs. 51,44,-000 while Income-tax and forest receipts are approximated at Rs. 27,63,000 and Rs. 24,54,000 respectively. Railways net receipts amount to Rs. 20,11,000.

On the expenditure side Rs. 48,46,000 is spent after direct demands on revenue, interest and sinking funds expenditure amount to Rs. 74,22,000 and Palace expenditure comes to Rs. 26,16,-000. Law and order account for Rs. 33,56,000 and Public Works Rs. 29,94,000. If medical and public health are included in the item of the normal and material development, the total expenditure under this head would be Rs. 91,45,000 out of a total revenue of Rs. 395,58,000.

The following figures give some details about expenditure for the development activities of the State:—

Item.	Expenditure (in rupees.)
Education	57,15,000
Medical and Public Health	19,00,000
Agriculture	11,53,000
Industries and Commerce	2,29,000
Co-operative Societies	1,48,000
Total	91,45,000

A comprehensive examination of the finances reveals that the State has kept good reserves to meet emergencies like famine, floods, etc. Without disorganising the normal functions of the Government, has adopted a policy of progressive increase in expenditure in the development departments of the State to meet the growing needs of the day, and is pursuing a liberal and forward policy for rural uplift and industrial development.



Members of Siri Guru Singh Sabha, Dadar giving send off to Sardar Partap Singh, President Akali Dal and Siri Guru Singh Sabha Dadar, who left Bombay for Punjab yesterday evening to attend the All-India Akali Conference as a delegate.

BIHAR GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION

Dalmianagar Hospital Plan

DALMIANAGAR, Feb. 5.

Following are extracts from the speech delivered by Mr. Ramkrishna Dalmia on the occasion of the foundation-stone laying ceremony of Dalmianagar Hospital performued by Sir Thomas Alexander Stewart, Governor of Bihar to-day:—

Six years ago the place where Your Excellency stands to-day was a neglected and unproductive tract of land. As God willed it, four industries entirely different in character have grown within the last few years. Our first unit was a sugar factory, to which we added a cement factory and a paper mill, all the three ranking among the largest of their kind in the country. In addition to these we have a chemical factory which was the first to be put up in India for the manufacture of caustic soda and bleaching powder. All these plants are providing means of livelihood to thousands of people.

We have passed through very crtiical times and not less critical times appear to be ahead of us. The European war has augmented our difficulties and precluded us from accomplishing what we had conceived. But we could not overlook the urgency of having a well equipped hospital and giving it a decent habitation with ample facilities for extension to meet the growing needs of the residents of Dalmianagar and the countryside round about. The present hospital with its Allopathic, Homoeopathic and Ayurvedic sections, provides free medicines and medical attendance not only to our employees and their dependents but also to the residents of adjoining villages. The proposed building is designed to provide a sufficient number of beds for indoor patients, in separate male and female wards, Maternity and Infectious diseases blocks, an Eye Infirmary, X-ray and Ultra Violet Ray equipments and an up-to-date operation theatre.

The hospital, foundation-stone of which is being laid by Your Excellency this afternoon, will not only commemorate the joyous occasion of your visit to Dalmianagar but would be a source of inner satisfaction to us, when in the years to come it expands and attains its full stature and ministers in a befitting manner to the needs of our growing town and brings comfort and happiness to the ailing inhabitants of the Province. I look forward to that happy day and request Your Excellency to lay the foundation-stone of the Dalmianagar Hospital.

Tribute To Dalmia

H. E. the Governor of Bihar paid glowing tribute to Seth Ramkrishna Dalmia for his business acumen and foresight while laying the foundation-stone of Dalmianagar Hospital this afternoon. His Excellency visualized a happy future from this industrial activity for Bihar as a whole and observed that the troubles that Seth Dalmia encountered in his industries resulted in his present success.

Referring to Labour, His Excellency observed that contended Labour force was a valuable asset as money in bank and hoped that opening of the well-equipped hospital by Seth Dalmia would contribute to this great aim.

UNHEARD OF COMPETITION.

Earlier Seth Dalmia in his speech referred to the prolonged competition in cement, the like of which was very seldom heard of in Indian industry. He said: "We have been accused of being averse to compromise.

It is misreading our attitude Competition was not of our seeking. Our position at present is stronger than before and we are gaining further ground and capturing new markets. Still in the larger interests of the industry we are open to compromise on equal and honourable terms. The very existence of the industry demands it."

ADJOURNMENT TALKED OUT

Sind Assembly's Discussion On Lawlessness In Sukkur District

KARACHI Feb. 5.

The adjournment motion moved by Mr. Pamnani to discuss the question of lawlessness in Sukkur was talked out.

Earlier Prof. Ghansham on behalf of the Congress Party made a statement saying that it was not the intention of his party to censure the Government but to draw the attention of Government to and protest against the lawlessness in Sukkur District. In view of the present political situation in the Province as well as in India, the party was not in a position to enter into Coalition with any other party to form the Government in Sind, though his Party was not satisfied with the steps taken by the Allahbux Ministry and to-day's statement by Government.

Sir Ghulam Hussein, Home Minister, had not concluded his reply, when the House adjourned.—A P.

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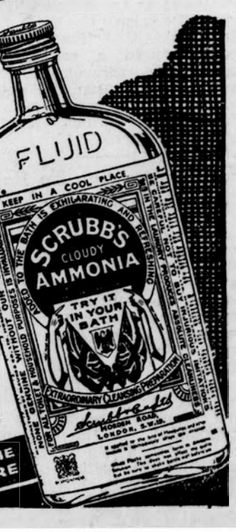

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CRACK
MY WORD, TOUGH COURSE, ISN'T IT? WHAT DO I DO NOW?
HERE, TRY THIS!
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Ninth Indian Olympic Games

A Festival Of Sport: Patiala Nagar Opened: Win A Big Cash Prize

Sportsmen and sports fans mustered strong to see the Patiala Nagar, the Olympic Village, declared open on Monday by Sir Chimanlal Setalvad.

Sir Chimanlal speaking to the gathering present stressed on the great benefit sport has on character building. Coming to the Ninth India Olympic Games, Sir Chimanlal said the greatest thing about the contests that were to be staged was, that they would be free from communalism. The athletes were to be real comrades, young men from various parts of India of all caste and creeds would do their utmost in open competition for sake of sport alone.

After Patiala Nagar had been declared open, the Olympic Village was toured by those present. Contingents from Patiala, Punjab and Bengal have arrived and were in residence in this model sports village. The village will accommodate nearly 1,000 athletes in comfort.

Business of the Indian Olympic Games will start in earnest from to-day, below is given a detailed programme of events day by day:—

(To-day (Tuesday)

7-30 a.m.—Opening Ceremony of the Badminton Tournament.
7-45 to 8-15 a.m.—Badminton Tournament.
9 a.m.—Opening Ceremony of the Weight Lifting Tournament.
9-15 to 10-15 a.m.—Weight Lifting Tournament.
3 to 7 p.m.—Sight-seeing trip through Bombay.
4 p.m.—Opening Ceremony of Shooting Competition.
4-15 to 6 p.m.—Shooting Competitions.
4 to 6 p.m.—Weight Lifting Tournament.
9 p.m.—Opening Ceremony of Boxing Tournament.
9-15 to 11-15 p.m.—Boxing Tournament.
9 to 10 p.m.—Dance Recitals.
10 to 11 p.m.—Music Recitals.

To-morrow (Wednesday)

7 to 12 a.m.—Trip to Elephanta Caves
8 to 9 a.m.—Badminton Tournament.
8 to 10 a.m.—Weight Lifting Tournament.
3-30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony of Tennis Tournament.
4 to 6 p.m.—Weight Lifting Tournament.
4 to 6 p.m.—Tennis Tournament.
4-15 p.m.—Opening Ceremony of Gymnastic Competition.
4 to 6 p.m.—Gymnastic Competition.
4 to 6 p.m.—Shooting Competition.
9 to 11 p.m.—Badminton Tournament.
9 to 11 p.m.—Boxing Tournament.
9 to 11 p.m.—Dance and Music Recitals.

Thursday, February 8.

7 to 8-30 a.m.—Badminton Tournament.
8 to 10 a.m.—Weight Lifting Contest.
10 a.m.—I. O. A. Council Meeting.
2 to 7 p.m.—Trip to Juhu.
4 to 6 p.m.—Shooting Competition.
4 to 6 p.m.—Gymnastic Competition.
4 to 6 p.m.—Tennis Tournament.
9 p.m.—Opening Ceremony of Dance Olympiad.
9-15 to 10-15 p.m.—Dance Recitals.
10-15 p.m.—Opening Ceremony of Art Olympiad.
10-30 to 11-30 p.m.—Music Recitals.
9 to 11 p.m.—Badminton Tournament.
9 to 11 p.m.—Boxing Tournament.

Friday, February 9.

5 a.m.—50 Kilometres Walk.
7 a.m.—Opening Ceremony of Volleyball Tournament.
7-15 to 9 a.m.—Volleyball Tournament.
7-30 a.m.—Opening Ceremony of Kabaddi Tournament.
7-45 to 9 a.m.—Kabaddi Tournament.
8 a.m.—Opening Ceremony of Basketball Tournament.
8-15 to 9-15 a.m.—Basketball Tournament.
2-30 p.m.—Assembly of all Athletes, Officials and Volunteers at the North-East Corner of the Brabourne Stadium.
2-45 p.m.—March Past.
2-55 p.m.—President's Proclamation.
3-10 p.m.—Lighting of the Torch.
3-15 p.m.—Taking of Oath.
3-20 p.m.—Reverse Order March Past.
3-30 p.m.—First Item Begins.
3-30 to 6-30 p.m.—Athletics.
4-15 to 6-15 p.m.—Basketball Tournament.
4-15 to 6-15 p.m.—Volleyball Tournament.
4-15 to 6-15 p.m.—Kabaddi Tournament.
4-30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony of Wrestling Tournament.
4-45 to 6-45 p.m.—Wrestling Tournament.
6-30 p.m.—Sports Conference. Inaugural Session. Reception Committee Chairman's Speech. Presidential Address.
9 to 10-30 p.m.—Dance Recitals.
10 to 11-30 p.m.—Music Recitals.

Saturday, February 10.

6-00 a.m.—100 Kilometres Cycle Run.
7 to 8 a.m.—Volleyball Tournament.
7-30 to 9-30 a.m.—Kabaddi Tournament.
8 to 9 a.m.—Basketball Tournament.
9 to 11 a.m.—Wrestling Tournament.
2-30 to 6 p.m.—Athletic Events.
4 to 6-15 p.m.—Unfinished Items
6-15 p.m.—Sports Conference General Preliminary Session.
6-45 p.m.—Sports Conference Sessions by groups.
7-30 p.m.—Sports Conference, General Session.
9 to 10-30 p.m.—Dance Recitals.
10 to 11-30 p.m.—Music Recitals.

Sunday, February 11.

6 a.m.—Marathon Run.
7 a.m.—Wrestling Tournament.
7-30 a.m.—Volleyball Final.
8-15 a.m.—Basketball Final.
8-45 a.m.—Marathon Runners Return Expected.
9-30 a.m.—Kabaddi Tournament Final.
10-30 a.m.—Sports Conference General Preliminary Session.
10-45 a.m.—Sports Conference Sessions by Groups.
12-30 p.m.—Sports Conference General and Final Session.
2-30 p.m.—Athletic Programme begins.
5-30 p.m.—Closing Ceremony.
8 p.m.—Olympic Banquet and Dance.
9-30 p.m.—Dance and Music Recitals.

Monday, February 12.

8 to 11 a.m.—Sight Seeing.
3-30 to 6 p.m.—Cinema Show.
10 p.m.—Closing of the Patiala Nagar.

OLYMPIC RUPEE FUND

Sports fans are reminded that a season ticket for the All-India Olympic meeting can be had for a rupee. Thrown in with this is a chance of winning a prize of Rs. 2,500 and other money prizes. For, if the number of your ticket tallys with the twenty-five numbers that have been selected by His Worship the Mayor of Bombay you are the lucky winner of a big cash prize.

If you do not, you have the satisfaction that you have seen cheaply the biggest sports' show India stages once in four years.

The tickets can be had at the Olympic Exhibition, the Office of the Ninth Olympic Games, Patiala Nagar, behind Church Gate Station, from Mr. Noormahomed Chinoy, of the Bombay Garage and from Mr. Habib Rahimtullah, of Ismail Building, Hornby Road, Bombay.

Hockey Championship

LUSITANIANS "A" EARN PROMOTION

B. E. S. T. Play Patchy Game And Lose

Hockey good at times, fair for most of the game was the nature of the fixture in the Provincial Hockey Championship on Monday. The B. E. S. T. after crossing over on level terms, flattered for the first 12 minutes of the second half, and then completely fell away and was overwhelmed by a thinking combination, coming out losers in a game that closed 4 goals to 1 in favour of their opponents, the Lusitanians "A".

Monday's contest brought out two smart youngsters who are going to make a name in Bombay hockey. Both played for the Lusitanians.

One was M. Fichordo, who, as outside-left, proved he had great speed, good ball control and the understanding wanted by an extreme. A goal came off his stick in the course of Monday's game and this showed that his propensities in the striking circle are above the average—his shot was no fluke, it was a piece of good finishing. Another youth, F. Gama not seen many times this year, is marching towards a reputation. He was a rover, but not the type of rover that upsets a team and is a nuisance to other members of a team. He did his work as right half-back competently and left his position when necessity demanded, spoiling several dangerous approaches to his area.

In the game the Lusitanians took the lead through D'Sa in the 5th minute and held this advantage till half way through the early period when Gardiner put the B. E. S. T. on terms. Exchanges were level thereafter till the interval.

Crossing over the B. E. S. T. flattered and for a little over ten minutes held the Lusitanians in their area. Despite a number of short corners and a series of good movements they failed to beat the opposing defence.

A sudden change in the run of play came about after V. Pereira, in the B. E. S. T. goal permitted an absolutely soft shot to beat him, which came from D'Sa. The Lusitanians were playing thoughtful hockey now. The half-line worked well and the attack combined splendidly, the sequel of which was two more goals from M. Fichardo and D'Sa.

TEAMS.

LUSITANIANS "A": J. Rocha; W. Pereira, and M. Dias; F. Gama, P. D'Souza and J. C. Pinto; E. Rodriques, L. D'Sa, L. Gama, R. Almeida and M. Fichardo.

B. E. S. T.: V. Pereira; R. Elliott and L. Fonseca; Buhariwalla, Days and J. Vaz; G. Fernandes B. Gardner, Wilkins, Kuttappa and F. M. Wences.

To-day's Game

B. P. H. A. Ground:—4 p.m. Khatau Sports vs. Poona United; 5-15 p.m. B. B. and C. I. Railway vs. Lusitanians "B."

Tennis

AZIM BEATEN: MISS ROW AND BOBB EXTENDED

Final Western India Championship Well-Contested

The tennis witnessed in the final stages of the Western India Tennis Championship on Monday was really good.

Bobb, executing his strokes with remarkable fluency, directing them accurately and making these often clip the side lines, beat Azim, a worthy opponent, 2—6, 6—1, 6—2.

Tew and Mytton stormed their way to annex the Doubles title, their opponents being Bekkevold and Limaye. The losers also resorted to storming tactics but were not as successful as Tew and Mytton, who revel in this type of game. Mytton's forte was his service on Monday and he brought off several first time winners. Tew was behind Mytton in his service in this match, a thing unusual. The match produced a series of thrills.

When Miss K. Haji and Miss P. de Lima snatched the second set from Miss Leela Row and Miss Emery 6—4 after losing the first set, not a few held the view that Miss Haji and partner would prevail. But they went down before the better equipped pair. Both Miss Row and Miss Emery drove deeply and accurately not allowing their opponents to come to the net. The winners in the deciding set dictated the game, playing with good understanding. Miss Leela Row was the best player on the court.

Miss Leela Row partnered by E. V. Bobb took a third title when she and Bobb bettered, Miss K. Haji and Bekkevold. This was a good match and though Bekkevold and Miss Haji played really well the Row-Bobb combination won purely on merit.

RESULTS.

MENS' SINGLES (FINAL): Bobb beat Azim, 2—6, 6—1, 6—2.

MEN'S DOUBLES (FINAL):—Tew and Mytton beat Bekkevold and Limaye, 9—7, 6—3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (FINAL):—Miss Leela Row and Miss Emery beat Miss K. Haji and Miss P. de Lima, 6—2, 4—6, 6—2.

MIXED DOUBLES (FINAL):—E. V. Bobb and Miss Leela Row beat Miss K. Haji and Bekkevold, 6—4, 7—5.

R. W. I. T. C. NOTIFICATIONS

Under Rule 14 of the Rules of Racing the remainder of the races of the Bombay Races, 2nd Day, have been postponed to Saturday February 10, 1940.

The Programme of February 3 will hold good in every respect, except for Races 1 and 2, "but fresh Starting Declarations will have to be made.

The following additional Race has been framed for this day:—

THE ELEPHANTA PLATE: Winner, Rs. 2,000: Second, Rs. 600: Third, Rs. 200. A Handicap for Arabs in Class II. Distance: 1 Mile, 1 Furlong. Note: This Race will not be divided.

The Programme for the Third Day, Bombay Races, advertised to be run on February 10 will now be run on Saturday, March 2, 1940.

The Spring Meeting dates will now be as follows:—

1st Day, March 7, 1940.
2nd Day, March 9, 1940.
3rd Day, March 16, 1940.
4th Day, March 21, 1940.
5th Day, March 25, 1940.
6th Day, March 30, 1940.

AIR SERVICES OF INDIA

Monthly Report Of Passengers & Freight Carried

Two hundred and thirtyone passengers travelled by the planes of Air Services of India, Ltd., on Bombay Kathiawar Services during the month of January 1940.

Total Freight carried during this month including mails, parcels and newspapers was about 3,923 lb.

Eighteen passengers travelled by the Bombay-Poona-Kolhapur Service during the month of January 1940.

The Company undertook six charters during the month:—Bombay to Baroda, Bhavnagar, Poona, and Palitana, Bhuj to Mithapur and Bombay to Nasirabad.

PATNA, February 3.

H. E. the Governor of Bihar has decided to postpone until the 2nd March, 1940 the Darbar which was to have been held at Government House, Patna, on the 17th February.

Inter-Provincial Hockey

BOMBAY BUSY GETTING TOGETHER STRONG SIDE

Inadvertently the name of Mr. S. H. Mehta was omitted from the Selection Board, who are chosing Bombay's Hockey Team for the Inter-Provincial Championship. Mr. Mehta is taking a very active interest in putting the best talent in to Bombay's side.

It is learnt, that the names of very near 35 players have already been noted by the Selection Board. Further, all hockey clubs are to be circularised to send in the names of players who they deem fit for a trial for inclusion in the Provincial side. The players nominated by the Clubs and those considered fit by the Selection Committee will be put through a series of practice games and a critical eye will be kept for the best only. No favouritism is going to spoil our Provincial eleven. The players that have been considered worthy of a trial come from various Clubs are as follows:—

B. E. S. T.:—Gardner and Fonseca.
TIMES OF INDIA S. C.:—F. E. D'Souza, D. Easdon, Mendes and Correa.
YOUNG SPORTS CLUB:—Khan, G. Fernandes and G. D'Penna.
B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY:—A. Pereira, G. Page, L. Woodcock and S. D'Souza.
G. I. P. RAILWAY:—E. Boccaro, Hakim, H. Grostrate, Latiff and Tellis.
CUSTOMS S. C.:—Salim, F. Brewin, J. Pinto and H. S. Lynn.
BOMBAY CITY POLICE A. C.:—J. Jameson, Lazarus, Adams and Scott.
LUSITANIANS:—Leo Pinto and N. Fernandes.
ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE:—O. Pereira and W. Fernandes.
TELEGRAPH RECREATION CLUB:—M. Fernandes.
CATHEDRAL OLD BOYS:—Marsh.

Pratice commences on Thursday next on the B. P. H. A. ground after the Provincial Championship games.

GERMANY'S ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES

(Continued from Page 6.)

verity of conditions and a shortage in regard to supplies. Dr. Ley the head of the "Labour Front" has felt the need of issuing newly a statement stating the adoption of greater care in regard to the according of provisions to workers. "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" reports this week from Berlin of rise in the lack of coal supplies in the German capital. The number of apartments completely not heated or in which heating is limited to one single room is mentioned as being steadily on the increase. This in a temperature of five to twelve degrees below zero. Heating with wood is strictly prohibited and electric heaters are no more available. Transport difficulties contribute as well to this state. An economic weakness of Germany, even as it asserts as a severe check is also viewed in certain concerned as fitted to lend urge to new moves of forceful nature on the foreign sphere which at the same time will put Germany to fresh and very severe strains. There are references to weight of a new German pressure falling on Holland. All the rationing and dragging of Poles and Czechs on slave conditions of labour will not satisfactorily meet a German vulnerability in the economic sphere. Rationing pushed beyond limits can create not only physical but also in advance a moral collapse. Hitler is not unaware of this. Rauchnigg the former President of the Danzig Senate in his new book "Hitler Speaks" refers to a conversation of Hitler in which Hitler declares that he will not have rationing. Germany has found it necessary to begin with it even before the opening of the war.

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In the course of an important statement recently at Angers in France, where the Polish Government has its seat at present, General Sikorski, the Premier, referred to the reasons for the collapse of Poland. One of the reasons for the rapid breakdown of Poland and a very important one at that, he mentioned, was a mistaken policy as touching several significant issues pursued by the previous Polish Government. This in fact gave rise also to other reasons that contributed to the defeat of Poland. Those responsible for this policy, General Sikorski said, would one day find a correct and historic verdict from the Polish nation. This policy had resulted in an alienation of popular support and it led to absurd and aimless expenditure of national energy. It was a course the dangerous character of which was enhanced as it happened or was pursued in a period when a Power or force determined to strike Poland was planning and preparing keenly for the purpose. Notes of warning from many concerned circles and sides were overlooked or dismissed with small attention from Warsaw. He himself, General Sikorski added, had issued repeatedly serious warnings. A magnificent spirit displayed by the Polish population when the fight began and looked as near at hand, indicated a deep and broad care to the idea of self-determination. It did not assert at it might have on account of essential steps undone towards a consolidation and in the matter of effective preparedness in many directions. Poland and the Poles had to pay a hard, bitter and terrible price for it. He referred to these facts as suggested in order to be able to learn from experiences and avoid mistakes of a past. General Sikorski concluded with the hope of learning in the right way the lessons of faults and failures being fitted to help valuably the cause of Polish re-construction and making a new Poland sounder and happier than the previous one. M. Koch, the Finance Minister, dropped out of the Polish Cabinet a few days back as the last representative in it associated with the previous regime.

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The new Japanese Minister to Bulgaria M. Hachiya presented his credentials to King Boris in Sofia a few days ago. This is the first time that Japan is represented by a full-fledged Minister in the Bulgarian capital. The attachment of M. Hachiya to his present post has hence been attributed a well-marked attention in diplomatic circles. The Budapest correspondent of a leading paper of an important neutral State in Europe referring to the event, comments that since the partition of Poland and advance of the Soviet Union towards the West, the interest of Japan in South-Eastern Europe has received a considerable increase. Thi staff of most of the Japanese Legations in South-Eastern Europe, states the correspondent, has been strengthened. An important Japanese Economic Delegation is understood as touring through the Balkan lands at present. Tokio's attention to South-Eastern Europe is viewed in some quarters as also being bound with considerations of strengthening a position in relation to the Soviet Union, be it for adding to a pressure or bettering prospects of bargains. The Belgrade daily "Politika" reported last week of the Japanese Ambassador to Turkey having newly left on a visit to Rome.

HALLETT'S PLEA FOR WAR EFFORT

U. P. Governor Optimistic About Delhi Talks

LUCKNOW, February 5.

"It was a great disappointment to me to find on my return to India after a short holiday the extent to which the situation had deteriorated", declared H. E. Sir Maurice Hallett, Governor of United Provinces, dealing with the political situation in the course of a speech at a dinner of the Upper India Chamber of Commerce, Cawnpore, to-day.

MOMENTOUS WEEK

His Excellency continued: "When I left the country some six months ago I saw little reason why the constitution of 1935 should not work satisfactorily. The responsible Ministries were, no doubt, subject to criticism but that is an essential feature of responsible and democratic government. I regarded it as a healthy sign and I was optimistic enough to hope that by degrees a satisfactory party system would grow up. I still trust that my optimism was not ill-founded and that the important discussions which have just started in Delhi will lead to a satisfactory and permanent settlement. This week which has just started may prove to be one of the most momentous in the history of India and we are undoubtedly fortunate in having at the helm His Excellency the Marquess of Linlithgow to whom I will readily convey your expression of sympathy and confidence.

ONLY FIRST ROUND

Dealing with the subject of war, His Excellency observed that this war was a strange war. We must not indulge in over optimism and must not anticipate that the end is in sight. We have, no doubt, won the first round. Thanks primarily to the British Navy and the Royal Air Force and the mercantile marine. But the fight will go on for many rounds and there must be no relaxation but rather intensification of effort. In that effort he was confident that Cawnpore and the United Provinces generally would take a share.

AGITATORS

He recognised that there were some ignorant and irresponsible agitators who put forward perverted ideals and were so obsessed with hatred of what they called British Imperialism. That they endeavoured to persuade ignorant people that they would be better off under a totalitarian or a Soviet regime. He had adequate powers to deal with all those whose activities were dangerous and he would not hesitate to use them as long as he continued to have a general responsibility for the peace and good government of this Province.

But apart from this he was confident that India, as a whole, recognised the menace of Hitlerism and recognised also that even though the war was not at present near the frontiers of India, India was, by no means, outside the danger zone. He felt sure that the people of India were not blind to the dangers ahead and he was confident that the people of this Province were ready and anxious to help in this life and death struggle.

He had already received a most satisfactory response to his appeal for funds for the Red Cross and other charitable objects connected with the war. He was confident also that if men were needed for the Regular or Territorial Army, the United Provinces, with its long history of military service, would supply its quota".—A.P.

Send-off To Batliwala

(From A Correspondent).

A gathering of friends gave a send-off to Mr. Sorab S. Batliwala, the Vice-President of the "F" Ward District Congress Committee, Parel, when he left Bombay for Calcutta to undergo his imprisonment for six months.

The "F" Ward District Congress Committee, Girni Kamgar Union, (Red Flag), the K. E. M. Employee's Union, the Bombay Jyoti Mitra Mandal, the Congress workers from Matunga and Wadala, and other friends and colleagues were among those who garlanded him at V. T. (Bombay) on Monday night.

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The Half-Column
By "Dim"

There are two interpretations when a black cat crosses your path. Which of these is correct will be known when the statement regarding the talks is issued from Delhi.

To-day the share bazaars remain closed as a mark of protest against the Excess Profits Tax. But will that have any effect on the Government of India?

Tennis has faded away in Bombay. Different from the days Cochet used to play on the Queens Road Courts.

Have you seen the caricature of the Chairman of Tata's which appeared in a local Sunday Anglo-Indian paper? If that is the Chairman of Tatas, then I am Greta Garbo.

Lovers of modern jazz will note with satisfaction that Cole Porter's Begin the Beguin promises to be the hit of the year which reminds me I read somewhere that the man who wrote St. Luois Blues still makes 25,000 dollars a year.

There is no truth in the rumour that Teddy Weatherford is taking up the harmonium to be able to play it at the Congress at Ramgarh.

"I was a captive of Nazi Germany." But what about those who still are?

St. George's Hospital are shortly to have a dance. I feel that a certain journalistically inclined Colonel is sure to be invited.

All the best people got wet at the Races on Saturday. You can't hold them back ever since "The Rains Came" to Bombay.

One of Santos Casani's best pupils is in Bombay. He wears patent leather shoes in the morning.

INQUIRY INTO BURHANPUR RIOT

NAGPUR, February 5.

A communique issued by the Government to-day announces that Mr. K. G. Digby, District and Sessions Judge, has been appointed to enquire into the circumstances that led to rioting at Burhanpur on January 15 last, and ascertain the course of events which culminated in assaults on individual police officers.

The enquiry has been ordered as the Government have decided that the details of the whole incident must be made the subject of official enquiry. The enquiry will formally open at Burhanpur on February 15.

It may be recalled that the Muslim League at its Delhi sitting yesterday demanded an enquiry into the communal rioting at Burhanpur.—United Press.

The All-India Muslim League Working Committee met at Delhi on Saturday under the Presidentship of Mr. M. A. Jinnah. A group photo of the members taken on the occasion.

Central Assembly Session Opens To-day

Opposition Parties' Attitude To Excess Profits Tax Bill

NEW DELHI, Feb. 5.

The Council House wore an animated appearance to-day in preparation for the Budget Session which commences to-morrow, with a heavy official agenda and an ineffective opposition owing to the absence of 57 members of the Congress Party, in a House of 141.

The second major Opposition Party met to-day with Mr. M. A. Jinnah, the leader, in the chair, but did not come to any definite decision regarding two important matters coming up before the House to-morrow.

Regarding the Excess Profits Tax Bill the Muslim League Party will decide after listening to the debate to-morrow whether the motion for referring the Bill to a select committee or an amendment for circulation should be supported.

PLEA FOR DELAY

Meanwhile, Mr. Baijnath Bajoria, representative of the Marwari Chambers of Commerce, Calcutta, is tabling an amendment suggesting that a Select Committee should report by March 10 instead of February 16 as proposed in the official motion by the Finance Member. The plea for delay appears to enable the presentation of the Budget on February 29 with an indication of increased expenditure under Defence Service as a justification for additional taxation.

ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS

With regard to the resolution of the members on the car and conveyance allowances, the unanimity of opinion is in favour of the appointment of a committee to go into the question. The Muslim League prefers this course and members of the European Group have given notice of motions to the same effect. Mr. Akhil Chandra Dutt, Deputy President, has also tabled an amendment on the same lines.

In view of the unanimous opinion of the Opposition it is likely that the Government would accept the motion for the appointment of a committee at an early date.—United Press

PROTEST AGAINST EXCESS PROFITS TAX

Federation Of Indian Chambers Sends Telegram To Govt.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 4.

At an informal meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and representatives of important local Chambers of Commerce held to-day in the premises of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, it was decided to send a comprehensive telegram to the Government of India protesting against the proposed Excess Profits Tax Bill, as in the opinion of the meeting the Bill was "not only uncalled for but also positively detrimental to Indian trade and industries."

Mr. A. L. Ojha, Vice-President of the Federation, presided and those present included Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. N. R. Sarker, Dr. N. N. Law, Mr. B. M. Birla, Sir Badridas Goenka, Mr. D. P. Khaitan, Seth Kasturbhai Hiralal, and Lala Sri Ram.—United Press.

E. P. TAX WILL HIT TEXTILE INDUSTRY

AHMEDABAD, February 5.

The Millowners' Association has to-day wired to the Government of India protesting against the Excess Profits Tax Bill.

The Association says that the Tax will particularly hit textile industry and requests the Government to withdraw the measure or at least alter it so that it may not check the growth of industry in India.—United Press.

"INDIAN SHIPPING WILL BE CRIPPLED"

Steamship Owners' Protest Against Profits Tax Bill

The Indian National Steamship Owners' Association sent a telegram to the Government of India on February 5 protesting against the levy of the Excess Profits Tax. It states:—

THE EXCESS PROFITS BILL

The Excess Profits Bill will be completely belying the assurances given and the anxiety professed by Government to expand industries in India. Both principles of equity and needs of industry are thrown to winds in the provisions of the Bill particularly in connection with the computation of profits and recovery of fifty per cent thereof. Moreover as even the carryforward of losses and the deduction of unabsorbed depreciation which are granted even in Britain to British shipping are not given under the Bill. The Indian shipping industry which is bearing far larger and crushing burdens than any other industry at present is completely ignored. The Bill will be so oppressive in its operation on Indian Shipping Industry that it might cripple its position beyond repair. The Association earnestly urges the dropping of the Bill.

AHMEDABAD SITUATION

Millowners' Executive Meets But Comes To No Decision

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, February 5.

While the Labour Association is planning to strike, the millowners are yet not seriously planning any move to meet the situation.

A meeting of the Managing Committee of the Millowners' Association was however, held today when it reviewed the situation and considered the resolution passed by the Joint Board of the Labour Association. The Millowners' Association did not arrive at any conclusion but it is expected that they will meet more frequently than hithertofore.

In the meanwhile the Labour Association is concentrating all its efforts towards the contemplated strike. The Association is forming several committees to deal with the situation from day to day.

SUCCUMBS TO GAS POISONING

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 5.

A gruesome tragedy occurred here when two persons were removed in an unconscious state to the hospital as a result of suffocation caused by monoxide gas formed from charcoal burning in a closed room.

It is stated that a servant of the Raja of Daiya who was suffering from smallpox slept in a closed room with three others attending on him. When none woke up the next morning the door was broken open and it was found that the patient was dead and two were lying unconscious.

Cr. L. A. Act In Force In All Orissa

CUTTACK, February 5.

An Orissa Government Gazette states the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1938, comes into force in the whole of the Province from February 2, 1940

The Governor has also extended its enforcement to the Partially Excluded areas of the Province with effect from February 2, 1940.—United Press.

Trouble Averted

(From Our Correspondent)

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 5.

Trouble among students was narrowly averted at the C. A. V. High School over rival claims of Hindu and Muslim students to hoist Congress and Muslim League flags at the meeting.

When the parties began collecting weapons for the fray and raising slogans, teachers intervened and nipped the mischief in the bud. The flags were surrendered to the headmaster. The procession and the meeting were abandoned.

What Is "Regular Spinning"

GANDHIJI ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Gandhiji writes in "Harijan":—

In spite of my weekly warning, correspondence continues to be almost as heavy as before. I have no time to go through it all. Pyarelal puts before me those letters which he thinks I must see. I have therefore suggested to him that he should prepare from the mass of correspondence questions which he may consider to be of general importance and I should deal with them from week to week. I hope that the correspondents and the readers will appreciate the effort.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.

Q. Your Constituent Assembly will be elected by a vast majority of illiterate and ignorant voters who would vote for one side or another because that side is led by persons who cry slogans palatable to them. In such circumstances would not the decision of the Assembly be a farce a tyranny of numbers? Why cannot you settle by a discussion in the press, or on the platform or in a private conference?

A. There is risk always in every big experiment, but in my opinion it is the least in the proposed method. Underlying the proposal is the faith that the majority of candidates will be enlightened and selfless workers. In that case the elections will be concentrated political education on a stupendous scale. There is no question of tyranny of numbers. There is undoubtedly the risk of ignorant voters being betrayed into a wrong choice. Nevertheless the decision will be the verdict of the people. Discussion in the press and on the platform cannot replace the elective method. The decision of a private conference will represent only those who compose it. What is wanted is not necessarily a wise but a representative decision. To-day many societies claim to speak in the name of the masses. When the Constituent Assembly comes into being, it will silence all voices and be the sole instrument voicing the opinion of the nation.

UNIVERSAL CONSCRIPTION.

Q. You say millions are unarmed and unused to wielding arms. But what is the difficulty, when India is free, in training the whole nation in the use of arms by means of universal conscription?

A. Of course in theory there is nothing to prevent the training by universal conscription. Only I think that the people of this land would not take to arms easily even though conscription may be resorted to. In any event arming of the millions, or even a few, is outside my province. It is repugnant to me. But what I would conscript is productive labour skilled and unskilled. This I hold, would be the easiest and the most effective method of organising society on a peaceful footing.

GANDHIJI'S BAROMETER

Q. The Independence pledge regarding khadi and village industries has been variously interpreted. What is one to do? What is the meaning of 'regular spinning,' 'habitual use of khadi' and of 'village products?' Is it enough for me to fulfil the pledge or does it apply to my family. What am I to do if I cannot afford to buy khadi for the whole family?

A. The Independence pledge has been made optional this time. The papers report that it has been taken by lakhs of men and women. I hope the reports are true. My own barometer is khadi sales. The pledge can be taken even now. I admit that it is capable of yielding various interpretations. But so are Vedas. The authoritative interpretation can be given only by the Rashtrapati. I do not propose to give you my own. You should be your own interpreter. Remember, where there's a will there's a way. Of course it is better if your whole family takes the pledge. But you are not your brother's keeper. So far as your purse is concerned, see if your wardrobe admits of reduced clothing whilst many millions go about in rags. I have a suspicion that many of my questioners have superfluous things which they consider necessary for appearances. Appearances are not for those who want to sacrifice themselves for their own and their country's freedom. I have also suggested that those who cannot pay the full price of khadi can get it almost at mill price if they will spin their own yarn. Lastly, you need not take the pledge now. You can take it when you have prepared yourself for it. What is most needed is uttermost sincerity. Letters like yours fill me with hope. I can raise an idomitable army out of sincere men and women who are willing to come under discipline.

MALICIOUS FALSEHOOD.

Q. In a book entitled (—) published by the Arya Sahitya Mandal Ltd., Ajmer, on page 30 I have come across the following statement which you are alleged to have made during your recent tour of the Frontier Province: "The Pathan raiders have two kinds of needs the physical viz., those relating to food, clothing and shelter, and the sexual. The Hindus, therefore, ought to offer them all their property and women-folk so that they might be satiated and give up their raiding habits. On page 31 of the same pamphlet it is stated that at the instance of Sir Akbar Hydari you wrote to the Vice-Chancellor of the Nagpur University not to admit to his University the students who had been rusticated from the Osmania University for singing 'Vande Mataram.' But the latter gave you a snub by retorting: 'I am the Vice-Chancellor of the University not you; I know my duty,' and gave admission to the students in question. If these facts are true, they are a serious reflection on you. What have you to say in reply?

A. My answer is that every one of the statements is a malicious falsehood. I know that there is a campaign of lying propaganda going on against me. It grieves me, however to find that an Arya Samaj publication should propagate such untruths. There is a 'bhajan' in the Ashram Bhajanavali in which we pray for those that detract us. Or I can say in the Biblical language: 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do.' The pity is that these friends of whom you write know what they are doing. My prayer goes out for them also. Lies have never hurt those against whom they are uttered. They do hurt those who utter them and they often confound society. The writer has libelled the Pathan and Sir Akbar. Badshah Khan, the servant of God, is a Pathan. Sir Akbar is not so simple as to expect me to do what is attributed to him.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

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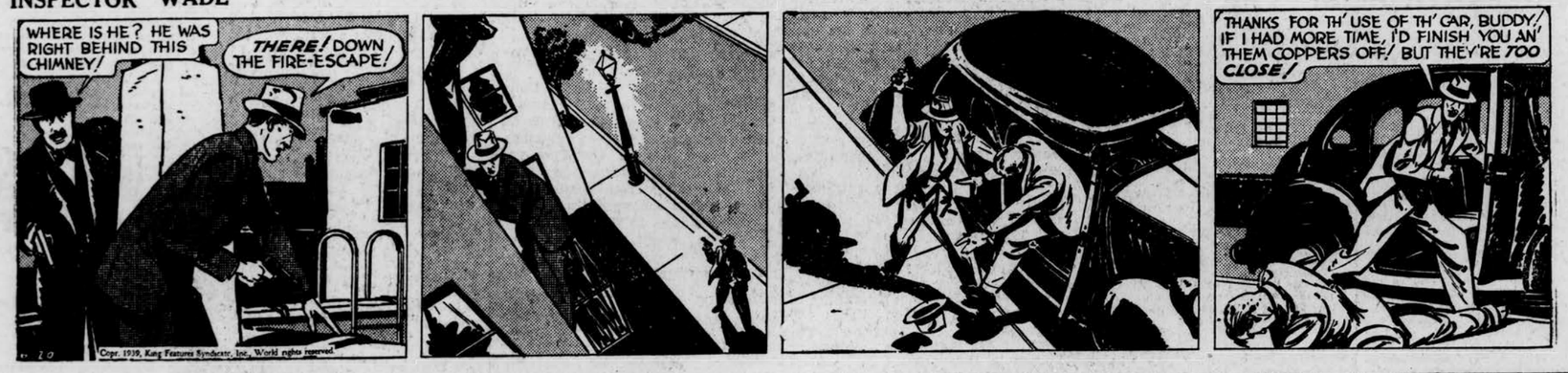
THE JUG OF DEATH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